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Cargo Moves Freely at
Wuchow.

SURTAX NOT COLLECTED.

First Shipment of Tea Arrives in
Hong Kong.

From latest advices from
Wuchow it would appear that no
restrictions now exist in that im-
portant centre of export of Chin-
ese merchandise. Indeed, our in-
formation is that not even the
2½ per cent surtax on exports
has been collected on any ship-
ment leaving Wuchow for Hong
Kong to-day.

A telegram of yesterday's date,
advising shipment to a large firm
of merchants in Hong Kong, reads
as follows:—

"Cargo shipped freely this
afternoon, our shipment leaves
to-morrow."

We are further informed that
the first shipment of tea from
Canton to Hong Kong for export
abroad arrived yesterday after-
noon by the s.s. "Kwong Sai." On
this shipment the Canton authori-
ties levied the 2½ per cent sur-
tax.

This is an indication that
cargoes are now moving out of
Canton with perfect freedom.

Waiting at Kongmoon.
News from Kongmoon is not
so bad as appeared yesterday
when it became known that 60
packages of cargo from Hong
Kong had been returned here as
consignees were unable to take
delivery from ship.

The report about the 40 cases
of perfumes and the 20 cases of
apples was published in "the
China Mail" yesterday.

It is now learned that the mer-
chants there were told—either by
members of the Strike movement,
or by local authorities—that cargo
from Hong Kong could not be
landed yet as a depot had not been
organised to collect the surtaxes.

Accordingly the consignees
made arrangements for the ship-
ments to be reshipped back to
Hong Kong.

No reason has been advanced
for the absence of machinery at
Pakkai (the port of Kongmoon)
to collect the new taxes.

Chinese merchants are being
told there that Canton is sending
the complete equipment, and the
personnel, to start a local depot,
after which merchandise can be
landed or shipped.

Good News for Housekeepers.
No material change has occur-
red in the situation. In spite of
malicious rumours, confidence is
still gaining. One such rumour
was that 100 passengers down
from Canton on one boat had been
arrested here by the Police. There
is, needless to say, no truth what-
ever in this.

Steamboats and steamers
are running to schedule but it is
felt that cargo will be restricted
until the attitude of the Nationalist
Government with regard to collec-
tion of taxes, becomes more de-
fined.

Another encouraging feature
was the shipment of silk piece-
goods down here this week.

Communications with Wuchow
and other up-country ports have
resulted in immediate improve-
ment in the food supply of the
Colony, and prices of livestock,
poultry and produce should soon
have reached pre-strike levels.

BRITISH GOODS

Canton Boycott Agitators'
Proposals.

Two definite proposals have
been laid down by the present
Committee in Canton "for extend-
ing the boycott."

These were to have come before
a meeting and read as follow:—

1. To discuss the date when
the regulations governing the
non-purchase of British goods
will be promulgated.

2. To discuss the form of the
tabular statement for the in-
vestigation of stocks of British
goods.

A report to hand says:—
A meeting was held by the
Committee for Extending the
Severance of Economic Relations
from the British, at which over
twenty members of the Executive
Committee were present.

Mr. Tam Chik-tong (chairman)
rendered the following reports:—

1. The organised bodies of vari-
ous classes in Kwangtung had
decided to hold a meeting to dis-

NIGHT BOATS AGAIN.

"TAISHAN" FOR CANTON
ON MONDAY.

MAY DELAY DEPARTURE.

Full resumption of river boat
communication between Canton
and Hong Kong has not yet been
restored owing to restrictions as
to passing, after dark, the Bocca
Tigris forts, area where martial
law exists. Owing to these re-
strictions the night service to
Canton has not yet been resumed.

The "China Mail" gathered this
morning from Mr. J. Arnold,
Secretary of the Hong Kong,
Canton and Macao Steamboat
Company, that the night boat ser-
vice is to be resumed on Monday
but it is not yet certain whether
it will be necessary to delay the
sailing from Hong Kong to en-
sure an uninterrupted run past
the martial law area in daylight.

The Steamboat Company is in
negotiations with the authorities
and it is hoped that the restric-
tions will be removed before the
sailing of the "Taishan," which is
the boat whose departure is fixed
for Monday. If the restric-
tions are removed, the "Taishan"
will leave Hong Kong at the usual
night hour of 10 p.m., reaching
Canton at daylight.

If it should be found impossible
before the departure of the "Tai-
shan" for the restrictions to be
removed, the "Taishan" will leave
Hong Kong at 3 a.m. on Tuesday
morning in preference to having
to anchor for five hours off Bocca
Tigris forts.

The "Taishan" will leave Can-
ton at 3 p.m., thus getting past
the martial law area before night-
fall and arriving in Hong Kong at
9 o'clock (the pre-boycott time of
departure from Canton was 5 p.m.,
arriving in Hong Kong at 11.30
p.m.)

It is understood that a daily
night boat service will be resumed
by the Steamboat Company if the
trial proves successful.

"NELSON DAY."

NAVY LEAGUE AND ROYAL
NAVY TRIBUTES.

LAID ON CENOTAPH.

Wreaths were laid on the Statue
Square Cenotaph and Monument at
Wanchai this morning by rep-
resentatives of the Navy League.

At 11 a.m. Lieut.-Com. R. A.
Yonge, of H.M.S. "Tamar" and
Lieut.-Com. H. M. Purdon, O.B.E.,
of H.M.S. "Ambrose" laid a wreath
on the Cenotaph on behalf of the
Royal Navy.

At 12 a.m. Sir Henry Pollock
(President of the Hong Kong
branch of the Navy League) and
Mr. W. A. Dowley (Vice-President)
left the Hong Kong Club bearing
a wreath which was also placed at
the foot of the Cenotaph. They
were accompanied by Rear-Admiral
A. J. B. Stirling, Capt. C. A. Steele,
M.C., Mr. L. M. Whyte (Hon.
Secretary, Navy League), Mr. R.
Sutherland, Mr. F. A. Perry and
Mr. Hance.

The party left later by motor car
to lay a similar wreath on the
monument at Wanchai.

The wreaths were inscribed
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NAVAL ATTACK?

SUN CHUAN-FANG'S THREAT
ON NINGPO.

FATE OF NANCHANG.

[By Our Special Correspondent.]

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has
further strengthened his hand in
the struggle against his ally,
Hsia Chao, the civil governor of
Chekiang province. On the
Kiangsi front, the hull continues.
The Chekiang secessionists are
either holding their posts or, in
other places, retiring southwards
away from the direction of Shang-
hai.

The Kiangsu-Chekiang bound-
ary is now reported to be held by
men loyal to Marshal Sun Chuan-
fang and the danger to Shanghai
is over unless other detachments
desert Marshal Sun before he has

MARSHAL SUN TO FLEE?

Shanghai, Oct. 21.

There has been no new de-
velopment in the local situation
during the last twelve hours.

A wireless message from Han-
kow says that the local situation
is not changed.

Nanchang is practically sur-
rounded by "Reds" and is like-
ly to fall.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's
position is precarious. A ship
is ready at Kiukiang to take him
away if required.—Reuter.

been able to deal with Hsia Chao.
In addition to sending troops
southwards by rail, to put down
Hsia Chao's rising, Marshal Sun
has also despatched two of his
warships from his base at Ki-
ukiang.

These boats are reported to be
going down the Yangtze, taking
landing forces with them, and to
be making for the port of Ning-
po.

Rivals Mark Time.
Ningpo is in Hangchow Bay.
An attack here would mean that
Hsia Chao would be threatened on
both front and rear as Ningpo is
to the east by south of Hangchow
(his capital) and in close proxim-
ity.

A railway going inland
from Ningpo may also be of
assistance to the Allies.

The first force of energy having
been spent in an abortive attempt
to break through the northern
Allies' line in Kiangsi, the Canton-
ese are still resting on that front.

Meanwhile, the northerners are
still holding their ground and
seem reluctant to launch a coun-
ter-offensive.

A very reliable source has heard
that Nanchang (capital of
Kiangsi province) has been sur-
rounded by the southerners, but
intelligence from that inland city
is apt to be misleading. Definite
news is awaited.

Earlier Cable.
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NEW MINISTRIES.

IMPROVE THE NATIONALIST
GOVERNMENT.

CANTON CONFERENCE.

One of the proposals submitted
by the Presiding Committee to the
joint Kuomintang Conference in
Canton was:—

The Nationalist Government
should be improved, to such an
adequate degree as follows:—

Among the Committee of the
Nationalist Government, there
should be two members at least for
each province, who can represent
the members in the various pro-
vinces now under the control of
the Nationalist Government.

Besides the Ministries of For-
eign Affairs, and Finance, which
are necessarily required, two ad-
ditional Ministries (Military
Affairs, and Communications)

may be instituted by the Nation-
alist Government according to the
extent to which military affairs
and communications may be de-
veloped. The Judicial Adminis-
trative Committee should be con-
verted into a Ministry, while the
Military Council should remain as
at present without any change.

The above were carefully con-
sidered by the various delegates at
the Conference, and were after-
wards unanimously passed.

Some have even gone as far—
says the report—to accuse a few
of the leaders of ulterior motives
in "voluntarily calling off the
strike."

In the circumstances, it is not
surprising that rumours are cur-
rent, hinting that a portion of
the rank and file has made ugly
threats against those in power in
labour circles.

Conditions similar to martial
law are reported to have been
imposed at Tung Yuen, the strike
headquarters in the east suburb
of Canton.

Discontented strikers have
ignored the gratuity of \$10 (as
the first instalment of the bonus
of \$100) and their attitude por-
tends open disobedience of their
elected leaders.

Possible Break-up.
The report goes on to say that
only those on important business
are permitted to approach the
working committees of the Strike
movement.

A feeling of uneasiness pre-
vails.

Members of one labour union in
the city were suspected of dan-
gerous motives. From 80 to 40
pickets, fully armed, proceeded to
this union, under orders from the
Strike Committee, and arrested
eight men in the union.

It is felt that this dissent
among the strikers may have the
effect of leading towards the
movement breaking up, through
secession and other causes, but
possibilities exist of trouble in
the ranks.

Defendant said that the fowl
"broke away from a verandah" and
he saw six or seven persons chasing
it. He joined in the chase and
caught the bird first. Further that
it was his intention to make a pre-
sent of it to his wife.

His Worship: So you were the
lucky one, or at the moment you
thought you were lucky. But it
was not your chicken?

Defendant admitted this was so,
but said he was prepared to sur-
render the chicken if anybody had
claimed it.

Divisional Inspector Grant stated
that defendant was found by a de-
fective with the chicken under his
arm and, when questioned gave the
same story about the bird having
flown down from a verandah. De-
fendant pointed out the verandah
of the house, but none of the in-
mates claimed the bird.

In imposing a fine of \$5, or seven
days' imprisonment, His Worship
advised defendant to leave chickens
alone in future.

As a sequel to the death of a car-
penter and the wounding of another
man when a Chinese armed with
an axe ran amok shortly after mid-
night yesterday at Shaukwan, the
alleged assailant, Mok Choi, was
brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell
at the Central Magistracy this
morning and formally charged with
murder.

To a question by His Worship as
to whether there was another de-
fendant in the case, Divisional In-
spector Clark said that he had not
quite got to the bottom of the affair
and was still carrying out his in-
vestigations.

Defendant was formally remand-
ed for the one week.

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STRIKERS TROUBLE.

Dissatisfied With Their
Leaders.

MORE CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Armed Pickets Arrest Members of
a Union.

Dissent is reported to have
broken out in the strikers' camp
at Canton, leading to the arrest
by armed pickets of eight men,
alleged to be members of a "dis-
satisfied" union.

There is much behind the
scenes that baffles investigation.
Vernacular papers in Canton have
little or nothing to say on the
matter. The printers and com-
positors' union is stated to have
received instructions that the
newspapers are not to insert any
article referring to discontent
among the strikers.

The number of malcontents is
growing. Delegates on the Strike
Executive are said to have been
"cross-examined" time and again
as to why the manifesto was
issued, calling off the "strike."

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NOTICES.



NOTICE.

OBSTRUCTION OF GARDEN ROAD.

A NEW WATER MAIN is being laid across Garden Road. The work commences on FRIDAY, the 22nd October at 7 a.m. from which date Garden Road will be available for "Up Going" traffic only. "Down Going" traffic may use either Lee House Street or the Military Road in front of the Detention Barracks and the Road East of Murray Barracks connecting with Queen's Road Central.

Lee House Street will be available for traffic both ways while Garden Road is partially closed. The Military Roads East and South of Murray Barracks may only be used by Motor Cars not by Lorries.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.

Hong Kong, 20th October, 1926.

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS OF HONG KONG.

— THE SHIP —

— A Brief History —

A Paper on the above subject will be read

by

J. S. Gillingham Esq., M.I.N.A., M.B.E.

of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors, (Member)

in the Rooms on

FRIDAY, the 22nd October, 1926,

at 6 p.m.

Chairman: James Ormiston Esq., President.

The Committee trust that Members and their friends, including Ladies, will attend in large numbers.

A. LANDSBERT,

Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th October, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER, 1926, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on SATURDAY, 23rd October, 1926.

Hong Kong, 20th October, 1926.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 2nd Day of NOVEMBER, 1926 at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1926.

"THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th OCTOBER to the 2nd NOVEMBER, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 16th October, 1926.

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Hong Kong, 15th October, 1926.

NOTICES.

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THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on the 23rd day of October, 1926, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing an Extraordinary Resolution, the subjoined Resolutions:—

1. That the nominal sterling capital of the Company as existing at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a special Resolution be converted into Hong Kong currency at such rate of Exchange as may be determined by the Board, and that such capital be converted by the Board into Hong Kong currency equivalent of such sterling capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of \$12,000,000 Hong Kong currency, divided into 275,000 shares of \$40 each.

2. That each of the issued sterling shares of the Company of the nominal value of £5 each, upon each of which the sum of £5 has been paid, be converted into one share of the nominal value of \$40 Hong Kong currency, at such rates of Exchange as may be determined by the Board, and accordingly that 216,666 shares out of the 275,000 shares of the nominal value of \$40 each, constituting the capital of the Company so converted and increased may be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the company at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a Special Resolution in exchange for the sterling shares then held by them.

3. That the Articles of Association be altered by deleting Article 184 and substituting therefor the following article:—

"184. A dividend, instalment of 'dividend or interest payable in cash by the Company to a shareholder in respect of a share, may be paid by posting a cheque, order or warrant for the amount in a 'cover directed to the shareholder at his registered address, or, by payment of a cheque or granting of an order or warrant on a bank, in lieu of the dividend or instalment of such share. Every such warrant shall be made payable at the 'Company's Head Office or other appointed place of payment. The 'Company shall be discharged from 'liability for the sum expressed in 'any warrant by payment according to any order for payment or 'endorsement thereon, purporting to be made by the payee therein 'named, or by any other person on his behalf, and no person shall be entitled to payment of any 'dividend, instalment or dividend 'bonus, or interest for which a 'warrant shall have been so posted, 'or for which payment shall have 'been made by a cheque or the 'granting of an order or warrant 'on production of the dividend 'book as aforesaid, except upon 'presentation of the warrant."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY given that should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held on the 10th day of November, 1926, at the same time and place.

By Order of the Board:

LOOK POONG-SHAN,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 14th October, 1926.

K.R.A. ACTIVITIES.

MONTHLY MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

PLAYGROUND PROBLEM.

The Children's Playground Subcommittee, reported to the October meeting of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association that after interviewing the official-in-charge, arrangements had been made for the watchman of the playground to be on duty from noon till 8 p.m., and that the swings were now padlocked at 7 p.m., so that the nuisance of noises at night from this source had now ceased.

The Convener of the Subcommittee showed a plan of the possible development of the plot of land promised by the Government in the neighbourhood of Holt's Wharf, but explained that the Government was not prepared to expend any money on the development of the ground at present.

Kowloon Cemeteries.

The Secretary laid on the table a sketch-plan showing the new proposals of the Government with regard to the allotment of sites for the various cemeteries required to meet the needs of the different classes of the community.

He also read a letter from the Government in explanation of their sketch and asking the concurrence of the K.R.A. committee.

The committee were gratified to note that each division was self-contained and separate and was to have a separate entrance, but there appeared to be some matters requiring further consideration, and before signifying their concurrence, it was decided to submit one or two inquiries to the Government.

Dog's Home.

Serious complaints having been received by the K.R.A. of the disturbance at night in Waterloo Road, caused by the continual barking of dogs in the Dogs' Home, it was resolved to ask the Government to change the site of the Home to some less inhabited quarter.

Education Board.

A letter from the Government was read, stating that the period of Mr. B. Wyllie's appointment as a member of the Education Board terminates on October 26, and inquiring what arrangements the Association would wish made. It was unanimously decided to nominate the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, M.A., to fill the vacancy.

[Note: Other K.R.A. activities are recorded separately elsewhere in this issue.]

"The Lake District is very much at the mercy of City architects who, knowing nothing of the conditions of the country-side, come here at the instance of wealthy business people to build feeble-minded Scottish colonial villas, with venetian blinds, twopenny little turrets and the inevitable monkey tree puzzle," said Dr. W. E. Henderson, Medical Officer for Westmorland at the Lakeland Planning Conference.



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KOWLOON BUSES.

GOVERNMENT REPLY TO K.R.A. POINTS.

PASSENGERS' PRECEDENCE.

A number of important matters were dealt with at the October meeting of the committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association.

On the subject of the Kowloon motor bus services, it was mentioned that a letter from the Colonial Secretary, dated Sept. 15, was read, giving the Government comments on all the recommendations of the K.R.A., as follows:—

1. The suggested alterations in the stopping places in route 3 have been made.

2. The work of surfacing Prince Edward Road is in hand and arrangements are being made for lighting.

3. It is considered that present traffic conditions do not necessitate the removal from Canton Road of trees and the stone curbs round their roots.

4. The removal of all lamp posts in the centre of Salisbury and Nathan Roads and their replacement by pendant lights involves the change from gas to electric lighting and will be effected as soon as the roads concerned are strengthened.

5. The question of the reconstruction of the area adjoining the "Star" Ferry wharf is under consideration.

6. There was at one time a regulation to the effect that motor vehicles should dim their head lights when approaching other vehicles but the practice sometimes proved dangerous and the regulation was accordingly rescinded. To introduce a regulation as suggested by your Committee would be difficult, if not impossible, of application, as this would require a classification of the streets of the Colony into well lighted and badly lighted streets.

7. All three bus companies have been approached on the subject of time tables. The Kai Tak Co. is already running to time schedule and the other two companies have expressed their willingness to run to time schedule if it is found to be practicable.

8. A regulation to the effect that no one can be allowed to stand on the footboard of a bus whilst in motion is embodied in the proposed new regulations, and is under consideration.

9. Postmen in uniform on duty travel 2nd class. They are not allowed to travel 1st class. The postal inspector and the four boarding officers who travel 1st class are instructed to give precedence always to the travelling public. Indian and Chinese Police are not allowed to travel 1st class. They must occupy 2nd class seats. Police in uniform but not on duty are instructed to give preference likewise, and not more than two Police officers (Indian and Chinese) in uniform off duty may travel together in one bus.

Committee's Decisions.

As regards No. 3, the committee agreed to renew the recommendation that the trees and stone curbs in Canton Road should be removed, seeing that they serve no useful purpose and prevent the road from bearing the amount of traffic that it should. "As regards No. 5, the committee resolved to ask the Government to accord to them the privilege of seeing the plans for the reconstruction of the area adjoining the "Star" Ferry wharf, before they were put into execution, and at the same time to express to the Government their opinion that the present experimental arrangement is most unsatisfactory.

Before the subject of the bus service was dismissed, it was decided to write to the Captain Superintendent of Police, advocating an official stopping place in Kowloon City at the farthest point to which the buses travel, namely the junction of Sai Kung and Po Kong Roads, and also requesting that, if possible, one of the stopping places along the Kowloon Road should be shifted nearer the footpath to the Blind Institute.

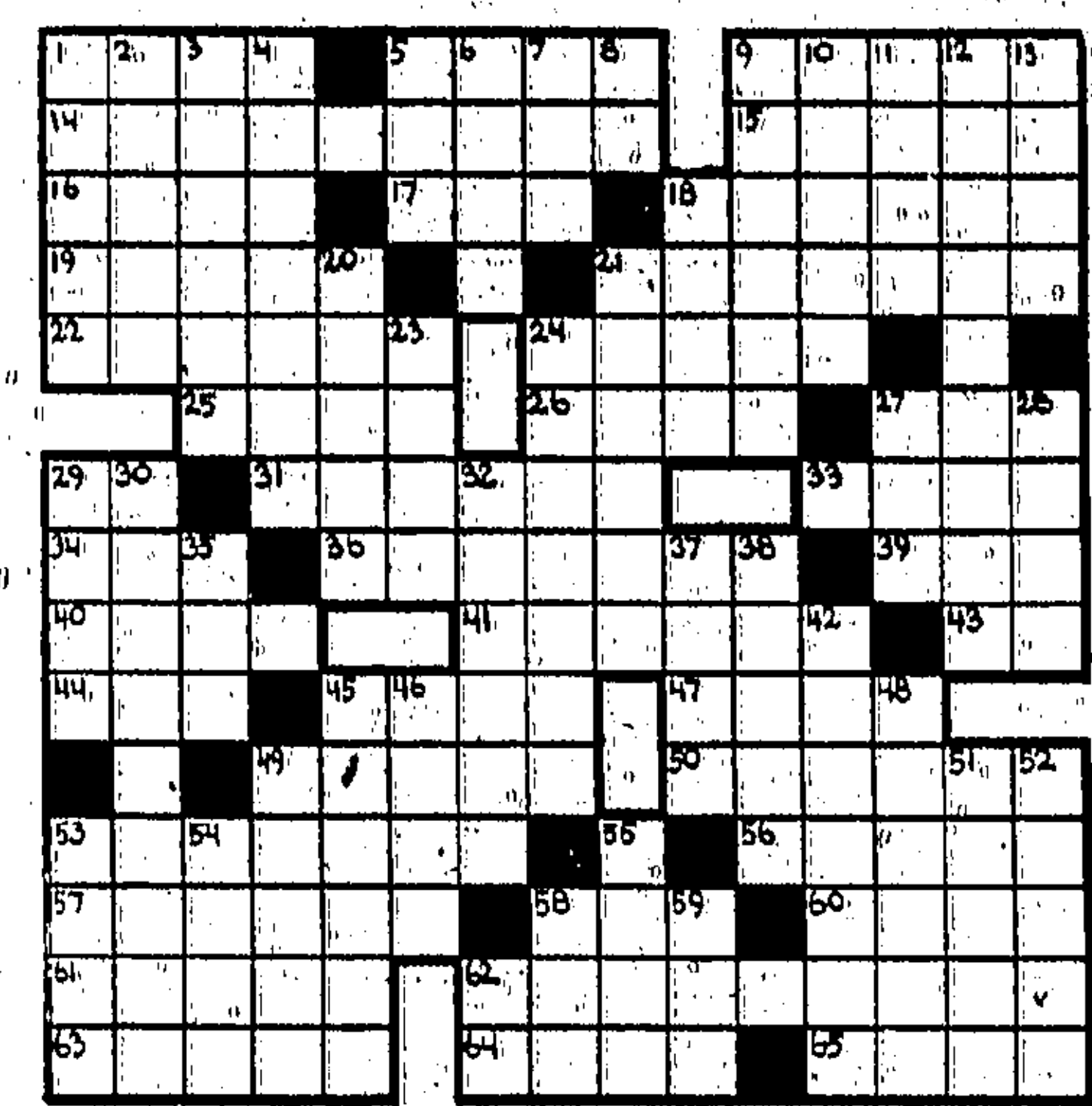
SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR OCTOBER, 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
October 21	6.22	5.54
22	6.22	5.53
23	6.23	5.52
24	6.23	5.52
25	6.24	5.51
26	6.25	5.50
27	6.25	5.50
28	6.25	5.49
29	6.26	5.49
30	6.26	5.48
31	6.27	5.47

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as Harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Evil look	47-Period (pl.)	17-Cog-wheel
2-Member of a wandering tribe	48-Decorate	20-Makes hot
3-Bicycle propeller	50-March away	21-Instant (pl.)
4-Elegant	52-Weapon	22-Mild explosive
5-Odd	53-Pertaining to the sun	24-Inhabitant of a S. American country
6-Literary or musical work	57-On ship	27-Girl's name
7-Garden tool	58-Writing tablet	28-Singing voice
8-Hand covering (pl.)	60-Ball team	29-Very small quantity
9-Under	61-Loed	30-Manageable
10-Tormentors	62-Drugs	32-Inn
11-Sound by oaths	63-Cauterized	33-Before
12-Fruit container	64-Old	37-Bugged
13-Verbal	65-To tax or assess	38-Weeds
14-Employ		40-Concise
15-3. American plant		42-Loved
16-Pronoun		43-Fourth of an acre
17-Radio term		44-Silly
18-Raw mineral		45-Rapidly
19-Oldest		51-Neck hair of certain animals (pl.)
20-Emmet		52-Squares
21-Part of the mouth		53-Old woman
22-Toothed, as a leaf		54-Lion's call
23-Pertaining to the eye		55

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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

BORNED MARU Wednesday, 3rd November.

INDO MARU Sunday, 7th November.

SHUNKO MARU Friday, 19th November.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CANADA MARU Wednesday, 10th November.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Saigon.

SEATTLE MARU Monday, 25th October.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

KOHMO MARU Tuesday, 2nd November.

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HAGUE MARU (From Keelung) Beginning of November.

JAPAN PORTS

BATAVIA MARU Tuesday, 26th October.

ALTAI MARU Saturday, 13th November.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.

KAIJO MARU Sunday, 31st October, 10 a.m.

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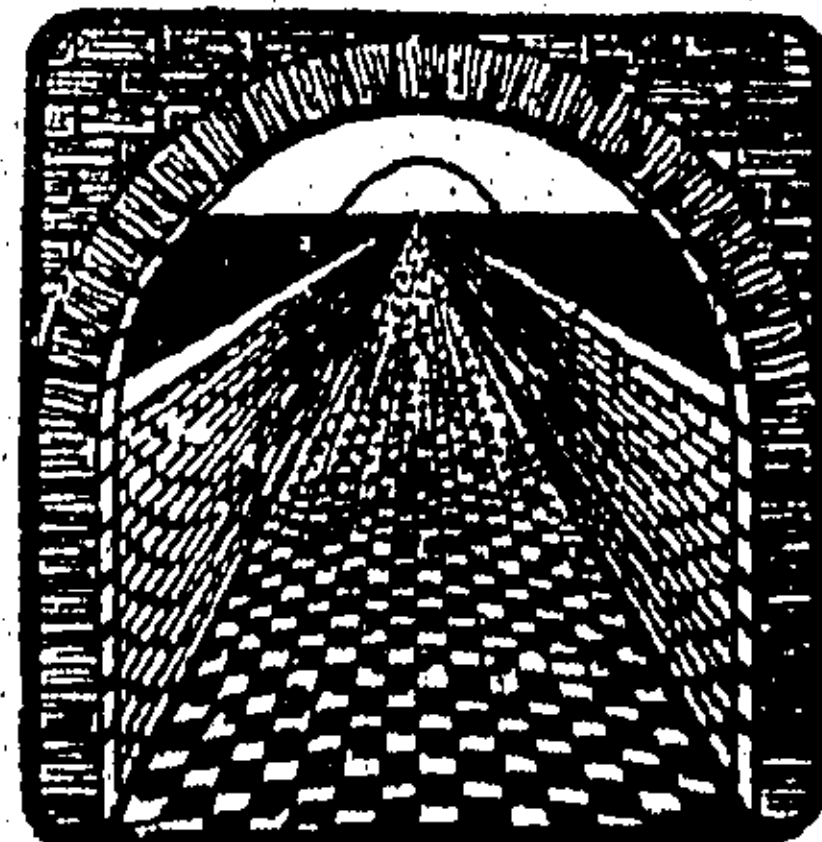
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SHIPPING SECTION.

OCEAN FERRIES.

ATLANTIC'S FLOATING ISLANDS.

DAYS OF 24 HOURS.

Crossing the Atlantic has become different from what it was when the first steamship made the passage barely three generations ago, or even when men and women, not yet old made their first transatlantic journey. A bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic Society. "The larger ships have come to be called 'ocean ferries,' and the name is in many ways appropriate. You do not expect to be tossed about much on a ferry; and you needn't be shaken up much, now in crossing the Atlantic, unless you choose the stormiest seasons. Ferries run on close schedules; and when you go aboard a quick trans-Atlantic liner nowadays you know pretty well within a few hours when you will step ashore 3,200 miles away.

"The two biggest of them are practically great wandering steel islands that, defying the usual rules of geography, make themselves now a part of the Eastern Hemisphere, now a part of the Western. Their length approaches 1,000 ft., almost a fifth of a mile; their beams are 100 ft., as wide as a boulevard. Many a proud building, housing the population of a town, rises from a land area smaller than the hulls of these great ships.

A Tremendous Enterprise. "The ships are themselves practically great buildings, whose 'land' as well as their superstructures was fashioned by man; and they, too, house the population of a town. When you cross to Europe on such a boat it is no longer a matter of being marooned for a week or ten days with a small group of people. It is as though you spent six floating days (they are days of 24 hours) in a town whose population was far above the average in culture, prosperity, and intelligence; whose government functioned properly; and which maintained numerous attendants to look after your comfort.

"There are few shore comforts that you cannot have on such a ship. You sleep in beds, not bunk beds. There is running water in your stateroom. You dine as you would at a great land hotel; and you will feel uncomfortable if you are not prepared to dress the part of a metropolitan diner. There are good orchestras, which play for tea, and for dances in a great ballroom each evening. The promenade deck on which you take your walks is nearly a quarter-mile in circuit. There are numerous deck games, including two sorts of deck tennis, and even golf tournaments for the championship of the boat. On the lowest deck is a large swimming pool. There is a card-room for votaries of bridge; a well-stocked library, and a smoking-room that surpasses in comfort that of many an exclusive club. There is a barber, a hairdresser, a tailor, a doctor and dispensary, of course. Whether you are well or ill, and whether you crave mental diversion, athletic sports, or luxurious ease; you can find what you wish.

"Operating a ship of this sort is a tremendous enterprise. In the line closets and in use are close to 200,000 pieces of linen. On the trip from New York to Cherbourg, the biggest liners might throw overboard a piece of linen every three seconds, leaving a 'hare-and-hounds' trail of towels, sheets, stewards' aprons, and the like, entirely across the Atlantic, no two pieces many feet apart. And the ship would arrive on the other side with several thousand pieces left.

180 Revolutions a Minute. "Far down in the hull of such a ship, in the section seen by few passengers, and well below the water line, is the tremendous complicated machinery that shifts these 'islands' from hemisphere to hemisphere; in effect, huge power houses.

"Four great shafts, 16 1/2 in. through and more than 100 ft. long, are spinning around at 180 revolutions per minute, nakedly between their bearings; and the turbines that turn them. Toward the rear of the hull you see them disappear through the steel wall. Just outside, fixed rigidly to the shafts, the big propellers are churning, pushing nearly 60,000 tons of steel and humanity through the ocean at 25 miles an hour. The briny ocean trickles in about these final shaft bearings; in sturdy streamers. You ask the chief engineer about it with some nervousness. He laughs reassuredly: 'above the din. It is necessary that the packing be not too tight. And the pumps are always busy. They suck up these rills, and many more like them, and spew the water back into the sea. As a matter of fact, the ma-

SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INFORMATION.

With a cargo of 2,000 tons of coal, the Japanese steamer "Kohoku Maru" of the O.S.K. arrived yesterday afternoon from Takao and Keelung. She will sail for Takao on Saturday.

The C.P.R. liner "Empress of Asia" arrived yesterday morning in Kobe and left in the afternoon for Yokohama where she is due tomorrow at daylight.

From Foochow and Amoy, the s.s. "Haihong" of the Douglas Steamship Co. arrived yesterday afternoon with 400 tons of general cargo, passengers and mail for Hong Kong. The "Haihong" is scheduled to leave for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow this afternoon.

The Japanese steamer "Mito Maru" leaves this afternoon for Shanghai and Japan. The "Mito Maru" arrived yesterday from Hamburg and Singapore with a cargo of 110 tons. She met rough weather on her way from Singapore to Hong Kong.

From Seattle via Shanghai and Japan the Admiral Oriental liner "President Jefferson" is expected to arrive tomorrow at daylight. The "Jefferson" will sail on Saturday afternoon for Manila and is due back in Hong Kong on October 30.

The Chinese steamer "Phranang" arrived yesterday afternoon and brought a cargo of 1,000 tons of general merchandise and some livestock for discharge here.

The local office of the N.Y.K. has been advised that their steamer "Haruna Maru" left Shanghai yesterday and is due here on Saturday morning. The "Haruna Maru" will sail for London and Marseilles on the afternoon of October 23.

For New York, Boston and Baltimore via Suez, the Blue Funnel steamer "Teucer" will sail tomorrow with cargo and mail only.

The Ben line steamer "Bendat" coming from Leith, Antwerp, London and the Straits is due to arrive here on October 25.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 9:20 a.m. left Kobe yesterday at 6 p.m. and is due at Yokohama tomorrow at 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Hong Kong on October 19 at noon, leaves Hong Kong to-day at 5 p.m. and is due at Manila tomorrow at 7 a.m.

The B. L. s.s. "Benary" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and the Straits is due to arrive here on October 25.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 19 and is due here on or about October 29.

The M.V. s.s. "Japan" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on September 19 and is due here on or about October 29.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Sydney for this port on October 9 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on November 1.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on October 14 and is due here on November 1.

The Kure naval arsenal has recently invented a powerful telescope for submarine boats by means of which an aeroplane at an altitude of 2,000 feet can clearly be detected although the submarine may be submerged 240 feet below the surface. The experiments in connection with the newly-invented telescope having proved successful, the navy has decided to equip all the submarines in the empire with the apparatus.

chinery reaches out into the ocean and sucks the sea into the ships in gargantuan gulps. A pipe three feet through is the intake. Through it are pumped 22,000 tons of sea water per hour to condense the steam. As soon as it has served its purpose out it is pushed on the other side.

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SHIPBUILDING.

"DISASTROUS SITUATION." SAYS N.D.L. CHAIRMAN.

NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION.

To the new issue of the Norddeutscher Lloyd "Year Book" Privy Councillor C. J. Stimming, chairman of the company, contributes an interesting introduction on the progress that has been made in the work of reconstructing the German Mercantile Marine, with special reference, of course, to what has been accomplished in this direction by the Norddeutscher Lloyd. At the same time he terms the present situation "disastrous," and hopes some remedy will soon be found, as a financially sound shipbuilding industry is a matter of life or death to German shipping.

German business as a whole, Herr Stimming says, as well as its particular branches, has been through a long course of worries and troubles, but here and there the clouds are beginning to get lighter.

It can be stated with satisfaction that in the year 1925 the Norddeutscher Lloyd brought its provisional reconstruction programme practically to a conclusion with the completion of the steamer "Berlin," and was able also considerably to strengthen its financial position by its absorption of the Roland Line Company (in which the N.D.L. already had a large financial interest) and of the Hamburg-Bremen-Afrika Line and the Reederei Horn, the capital of which companies, except for a very small fraction, was also held by the Norddeutscher Lloyd.

"It is also a cause of satisfaction to be able to state," Herr Stimming continues, "that at the end of 1925 serious work has been done towards finding a solution for the problem of the release of the German property which was seized in the United States as a war measure, and the compensation of the owners. This is a matter, in which German shipping is very deeply interested, and it is gratifying to know that the negotiations are being carried on in accordance with the traditional principles of the inviolability of private property, even in time of war.

A Disastrous Situation.

"In view of this position of affairs German shipping might perhaps have been allowed a pause to get its breath in order to prepare itself for further important tasks, and to obtain a perfectly clear view in regard to its American prospects. But in these times, out of tasks that have been completed, new problems necessarily arise. Last year did not bring German shipping the increase of tonnage which was required—having regard to the provisions which must be made for depreciation—to maintain its value at the proper level. This fact is all the more regrettable because of the necessitous position of the German shipbuilding industry, which, as is well known, was developed during the war period far beyond present-day possibilities of employment. It is to be hoped that some remedy for this disastrous situation will soon be discovered; because the maintenance of a financially sound and technically capable shipbuilding industry is a matter of life or death for German shipping.

"Everything points to the absolute necessity for further new construction, which would be justified by the present condition of ocean shipping. There is, indeed, a very welcome development in business conditions in the United States, and this has caused an expansion in the Trans-Atlantic tourist traffic, which to a certain extent has compensated for the absence of the emigrant traffic. In all other directions, especially in regard to the cargo traffic, it is unfortunately hopeless to search for encouraging factors."

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Tawau	Departure	Arrival	WEDNESDAY	October	27
Semporna	Departure	Arrival	WEDNESDAY	October	27
Lahad Datu	Departure	Arrival	THURSDAY	October	28
Sandakan	Departure	Arrival	FRIDAY	October	29
Jambongan	Departure	Arrival	FRIDAY	October	29
Jesselton	Departure	Arrival	SATURDAY	October	30
Hongkong	Departure	Arrival	SATURDAY	October	30
Sandakan	Departure	Arrival	SUNDAY	November	1
Jambongan	Departure	Arrival	MONDAY	November	1
Jesselton	Departure	Arrival	WEDNESDAY	November	3
Hongkong	Departure	Arrival	WEDNESDAY	November	3
Sandakan	Departure	Arrival	THURSDAY	November	4
Jambongan	Departure	Arrival	THURSDAY	November	4
Jesselton	Departure	Arrival	FRIDAY	November	5
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Sandakan	Departure	Arrival	WEDNESDAY	November	10

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NELORE	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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TANDA	6,956	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	11,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACE DONIA	11,049	4th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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EVOKE RESPONSE.

Paris, September 1.—Reports that ships hitherto operated by the United States Shipping Board may be sold to the International Mercantile Marine and sailed under the British flag have aroused a great deal of interest on this side of the Atlantic. The consummation of such plan would be considered as one more retrogression from the naval position America occupied at the end of the war, when part of Europe feared and part of Europe hoped the United States would assume the role of the leading sea power.

In the opinion of European statesmen, the United States without an important merchant marine, in the event of war elsewhere than on the American continent, would be able to play only the role which the aid of British transports would permit. It is figured that no matter how large and how brave an army might be recruited in America, it should go nowhere across seas without transports, and if the United States had no such transports it must obtain them elsewhere.

The argument which is presented as made by a visitor to President Coolidge's Summer retreat to the effect that in time of war the American Government could seize these ships for use is regarded over here as very weak. It is true that in a war crisis the American Government might seize these ships in American ports but ships have a habit of not standing still, and it is pointed out that in time of a crisis it would be indeed remarkable if all the ships, or even a large part of them, would be found in American waters. Of course, United States seizure of ships flying the British flag on the high seas, or in other than American ports, is an idea which is only ridiculous.

No Such Seizure in 1918. Furthermore, it is pointed out that it is not on record that the American Government in sure hours of need in 1918 seized any of the White Star ships flying the British flag just as much under American ownership as the "Leviathan" would be if she were sold to the International Mercantile Marine and sent to sea under the Union Jack.

This proposed move, which in the opinion of European diplomats, would further weaken the American navy, is of especial interest as coming at a time when the League Assembly is about to consider the report of military and naval experts who for the past several months have been working at Geneva on disarmament plans. They have made no progress worth while, and President Coolidge's reported intention to call another Washington naval conference if League limitation plans do not succeed comes up against the difficulty that the American Government is the only interested Government which shows any enthusiasm for further naval limitation. If the 5-5-3 ratio has been preserved with regard to capital ships, no one will contend that the ratio exists with respect to cruisers and other auxiliary ships.

The United States in a position of inferiority to England as far as cruisers are concerned, America is almost in an unfavorable position as England was with respect to built and building capital ships, when President Harding called the first Washington naval conference. Secretary Kellogg

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knows that even if England would consent to perpetuation of the status quo-ratio for cruisers, she would by no means be willing to apply the 5-5-3 ratio to cruisers.

France Against Conference. Furthermore, France does not want a new Washington naval conference, because not only does she not want the submarine banned, but she does not wish her ability to build cruisers limited by her ratio for capital ships, acceptance of which still is regarded by many Frenchmen as a national disgrace. Therefore there is not even a scant possibility of a successful second Washington naval conference.

That indicates that the naval situation as between the two great sea powers is due to remain legally what it is now, which is to say that the United States is not only in a position of inferiority with regard to England in her naval power, but experts doubt if her fleet is as good as that of Japan.

This explains why European diplomats are interested in an apparent probable end of the big American Merchant Marine, seeing that in time of war sea transport is an essential part of the force of a sea power. For, whatever Washington may think, in European capitals it is believed that ships flying the British flag would first serve the British Government.

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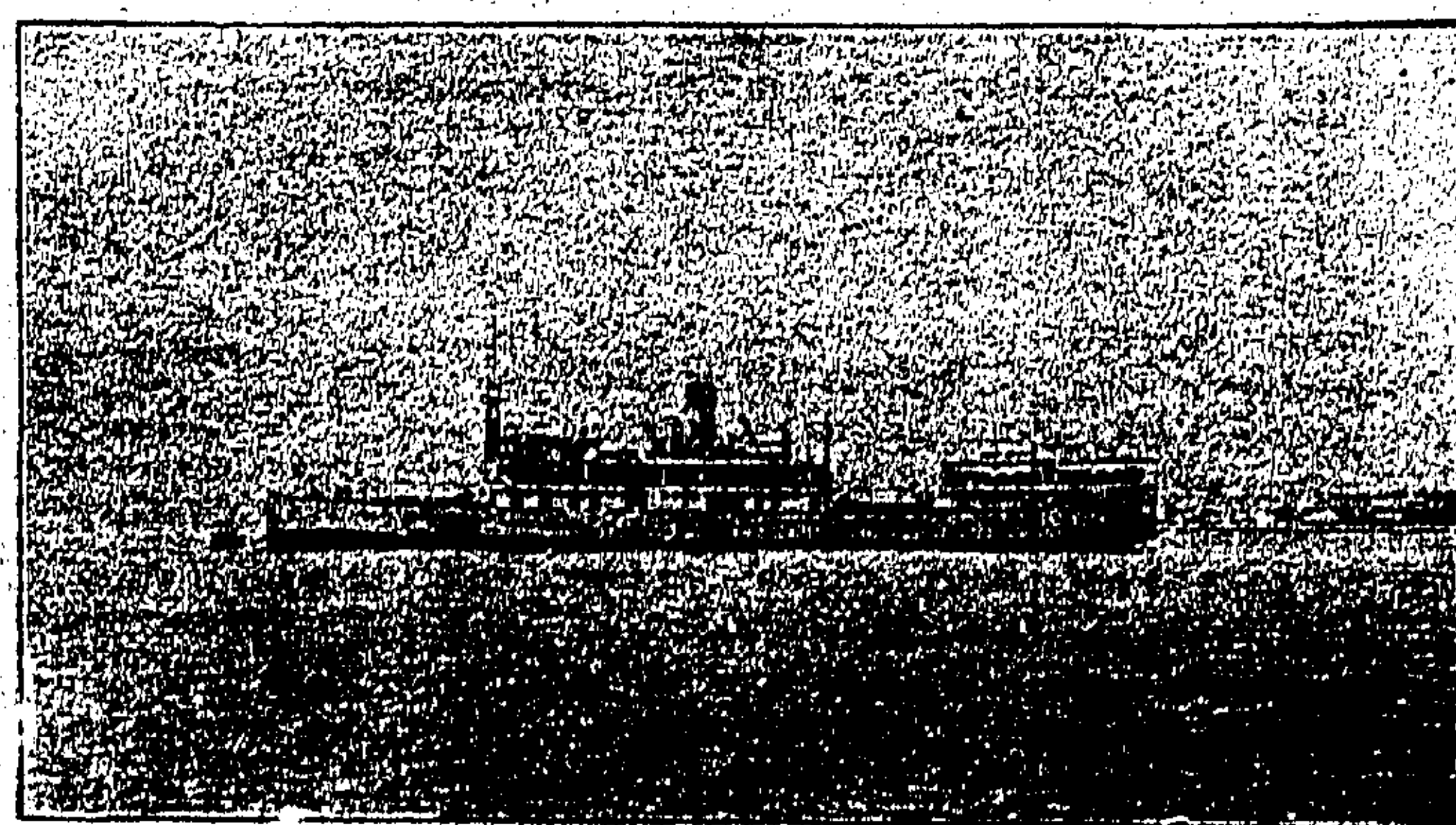
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HOSPITAL FEES.

On what the Colonial Secretary has rightly described "the all-important question of public health" the Government seems bent on creating bad feeling and alienating the support of a very large and important section of the community. It is so easy to yield to the temptation to criticise adversely the actions of a Government in which the public has not the slightest say. In a Colony such as this a benevolent autocracy may appear to the higher authorities in Downing Street to be ideal; but to silence the critics on the spot it must in practice be really and truly benevolent. No community will stand for a moment for anything departing in the slightest degree from benevolence. We are as helpless babes—we are absolutely at the mercy of a Government with an official majority in the Legislative Council. Its ways may not be our ways—"maskee," says the Government. Once a decision is arrived at, let the public squeal—it may be good for its lungs and cannot possibly affect or influence the Government.

Yesterday we felt obliged to rap the Government over the knuckles for its astounding policy in regard to the rebuilding of the Government Civil Hospital on an adjoining site in the heart of the native quarter. We would much rather we had been spared that duty. In such a cosmopolitan community it is surely the best course for all Europeans, official and unofficial, to show a united front—to give practical evidence of that spirit of concord which His Excellency the Governor cherishes so much. But we would be false to our principles as a newspaper were we to confine ourselves only to those points in the Government's policy on which there is perfect unanimity, declining to enter the lists when the public has a genuine grievance. If, in an inarticulate community, it is not the province of the Press—the organs of public opinion—to point out the weaknesses in the Government's armour, then whose is it? Must an apparent wrong

or grievance be tolerated without one word of warning and advice to the powers-that-be in the true interests of the whole Colony?

To-day we are moved more in sorrow than in anger to join our contemporaries in criticising the action of the Government in raising the fees for patients in the various Government-controlled Hospitals. Instead of "adequately safeguarding public health"—to quote the Colonial Secretary's Budget speech—the Government is shattering any little faith we had in its administration of this "all-important question" (again to quote the Colonial Secretary). It is simply going from bad to worse. It appears to be going out of its way to earn the opprobrium of the entire community. Whilst it is preaching concord it is sowing the seeds of discord. Why should Hospital fees be raised at this particular juncture? Why should the individual be unduly penalised for falling sick and requiring treatment in a Government Hospital? Where is the spirit of that "benevolent" autocracy that should be—and has been in other respects in the past—associated with the Government's policy?

With an almost exultant air it was declared that the increased fees would swell the Government's revenue by a few thousand dollars. If that is Government conception of high finance and sound economy then it is high time that it was brought to earth and made to realise its utter impotence and inefficiency. Why tax—for this is what it amounts to—the sick and the dying? Why add to the already high expense out here of maternity cases? Why pick on unfortunate Hospital patients to pay the piper? In the Budget the Government thinks in millions. In the Hospital ward the patient thinks in dollars. Truly the cost of living in this Colony is high enough already without the Government doing anything to increase it still further! Are the pecuniary conditions of Hospital patients a negligible quantity in comparison with the clamour of well paid private medics to raise Hospital fees on the score of competition? Is the poor European assistant struggling to make ends meet, with possibly a wife and family to support, to be pushed further down into the slough of financial despair because he is unlucky enough to fall ill and is obliged to go into a Hospital? It is not every firm that pays its staff's medical expenses, and even where this does hold good, why should the firm be further penalised than before when sickness and disease befalls any of its assistants? Firms, no less than individuals, are keenly feeling the pinch of the hard times the Colony has been passing through. Why make of the petty question of Hospital fees a lever to raise overhead costs? Truly the ways of the Government are sometimes past understanding!

The Spirit of Nelson.

Whatever may be said with regard to the Battle of Jutland, the Naval action off the Falkland Islands and other brilliant episodes of the Great War; it must be conceded that never did the ocean exhibit a grander spectacle than was presented by the British Fleet bearing down upon the combined Franco-Spanish squadrons at noon on October 21, 1805, a few leagues to the north-west of Cape Trafalgar.

Nelson is stated to have asked Captain Blackwood what he would deem a victory. That officer answered that he would consider it a glorious result if fourteen ships were taken; but Nelson replied that he would not be contented with less than twenty. He then made a signal for the British Fleet to prepare to anchor at the close of day; and when it was given, asked the Captain whether he did not think that another was wanting. After musing awhile, he decided what it should be; and the signal appeared at the mast-head of the "Victory," the last he ever made, which shall be remembered as long as the British name shall endure: "England expects that every man will do his duty."

The conflict was severe; the enemy's ships were fought with a gallantry highly honourable to their officers; but the attack upon them was irresistible, and it pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to grant His Majesty's arms a complete and glorious victory.

Let us hope that just as the spirit of Nelson pervaded the Empire throughout the long and strenuous days of the late War, so will it move our political leaders at Home towards the attainment of a long and lasting peace.

For our part, we will support any party that places the honour and safety of the Empire foremost—the Empire for which Nelson, his predecessors and successors laid down their lives throughout the far-flung corners of the globe. Let us hope that the spirit of Nelson will pervade the Imperial Conference at present in session in the Empire's capital—the men to whom is entrusted the future destinies of the Empire.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BARE ARMS IN LOCAL CHURCH.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir—Allow me a little of your valuable space in your esteemed journal to say a few words. What does "Acolyte" mean? Is he trying to be funny?

"Anti-Bigot" does not know what he is talking about. I do not know anything about the contour of lovely arms, but I cannot help seeing the contour of bare legs that are exhibited most immodestly to the public gaze through skirts being so short. I do not care if ladies go about in chairs or richas but the sight is ugly in the extreme.

I am the mother of two girls. Try as I do I have failed utterly in preventing them riding in a ricksha or sedan chair. My plea for longer skirts has fallen on deaf ears; they earn their living and support me. What can I do, Mr. Editor?

Full length sleeve or no sleeve matters not but I do hope clergy men will attend the more pressing question of ridiculously short skirts instead of sleeves. I am disgusted with the manner in which my girls carry on but am powerless. Their only reply is that they must follow the fashion and that there is no harm in doing so.

Yours, etc.,

MOTHER.

Hong Kong, Oct. 20.

TO "ACOLYTE"

"Acolyte": You say—No such notice as is alleged to have been "hung formerly at the entrance of the Holy Rosary Church in Kowloon" ever existed.

The notice formerly displayed at the Rosary Church is now in the "China Mail" office. You are welcome to see it. In two languages, with black type on stout cardboard, it reads—

NOTICE
Ladies not dressed according to Christian modesty are kindly requested not to enter this Church.
Christian modesty excludes:
sleeves shorter than the elbows;
skirts shorter than the knees;
deep neck cuttings;
all transparent dresses.
—Editor, "China Mail."

STANDARD DOLLAR FOR HONG KONG?

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir—As the Sterling Exchange is dropping every day, and I understand it is still going lower, the price of imported goods is bound to go up and will inflict hardships on everybody.

The rate yesterday was 1/8 7/8 to the dollar. As practically all our imports are from countries with a gold standard, that means we are paying for our goods up to the nose, on account of this drop in Exchange.

People who have to remit home for their children's education, etc., are suffering. Why cannot the Hong Kong Government fix the Hong Kong Dollar at 2/4 the same as the Straits Dollar?

I understand this subject was brought up some years ago, but the Banks were not in favour of Hong Kong having a fixed rate of exchange. Of course, it pays the Banks to gamble in Exchange. The Colony suffered terribly for the last 18 months with the strike and boycott and now with this sudden and terrible drop in Exchange what is this place coming to?

As this subject is of vital importance to this Colony and others will agree with me, I trust H.E. the Governor will take this matter up at once, and will earn the blessing of the community when he carries it through, as it is up to the Hong Kong Government to fix the Hong Kong Dollar, and not up to any one Bank or Banks to say yes or no.

If the Singapore Government fixed the rate of Exchange for the Singapore Dollar at 2/4 years ago, and it is working all right, why cannot the Hong Kong Government fix the same rate for the Hong Kong Dollar?

Yours, etc.,

X. Y. Z.

Hong Kong, October 21.

MAGNOLIA DAMAGE.

DETAILS OF COLLISION AT SWATOW.

"KAJO MARU'S" SWERVE.

Further details are now to hand with regard to the collision at Swatow in which H.M.S. "Magnolia" was damaged.

The "Kajo Maru" (O.S.K. line) was leaving harbour at the time and as a result of an unaccountable swerve from her course she crashed into and badly damaged the bows of the "Magnolia," the plating being split below the waterline.

The ship was making water rapidly and the crew were immediately called to collision stations, mats being placed and pumps set going. The forepart of the "Magnolia" was flooded, but the strenuous efforts of the blue-jackets finally prevailed.

After making his report, the Capt. of the O.S.K. boat proceeded to Amoy, having sustained little damage to his vessel.

H.M.S. "Magnolia," in company with H.M.S. "Foxglove," will leave Swatow on Friday for Hong Kong and will be relieved by the destroyers "Wetherington" and "Verity."

NEWSPAPER CHANGES IN INDIA.

Bombay, Sept. 30.—The "Amalgamated Press of India," promoted by Sir Victor Sassoon, with the object of publishing a daily newspaper entitled the "Morning Post of India," with Mr. Frederick E. Holsinger as editor, will not be considered as originally proposed.

The Indian Newspapers Company, Ltd., the owners of the "Bombay Chronicle," formerly edited by Mr. B. G. Horniman, has gone into liquidation.

The goodwill and Press were auctioned to-day and bought for Rs. 140,000 by Mr. Lakshmidas Talar, a prominent Congressman, who will carry on the paper as a going concern.

Yours, etc.,

MOTHER.

Hong Kong, Oct. 20.

TO "ACOLYTE"

In the report yesterday of a Summary Court case, in which G. H. Kikaboy unsuccessfully quashed his former employer, H. M. Hajee Esmail, and the latter successfully counterclaimed, it was mentioned that, according to Kikaboy's evidence, he had married the adopted daughter of Esmail. It should also be mentioned that in the witness box Mr. Esmail stated that this Chinese woman was only employed by him to look after his children and was never adopted by him.

Speaking before the congress of the German People's Party at Cologne, the Reichs Minister of Economy, Dr. Curtius, gave a warning against too much optimism regarding Germany's economic situation, pointing out that this year's trade would show but two thirds of the pre-war figures. The agriculturists, he declared, were going through a severe crisis and the still larger number of the unemployed proved a heavy burden to the State, although everything possible would be done to give them productive work.

"TOTAL" SUCCESS.

CONVINCING DEMONSTRATION AT KOWLOON.

REMARKABLE TIMES.

In the presence of a large crowd, representative of leading business houses, both foreign and Chinese, a demonstration was given at the Fire Brigade Compound, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, with the "Total" fire extinguisher.

The remarkable speed with which fierce fires of all kinds were blanketed, the absence of all deleterious effects on materials, its extreme handiness and universality were proved beyond all doubt by the many tests to which it was subjected yesterday.

The extinguisher was first tried on a fire composed of bundles of wood covered with oil and set alight. The heat was of an intensity to make itself felt even on the outskirts of the crowd but the first blast of the "Total" extinguisher was sufficient to reduce it to impotency. The time taken was a matter of 4 1/2 secs. Only a third of the cylinder was used, as was demonstrated by the operator pouring out the remaining contents on the ground.

Chimney Fires.

To demonstrate the effectiveness of the extinguisher in cases of chimney fires of all kinds, it was tested on a big chimney representing that of a house, factory or shoot of any kind which was smeared with crude black oil and kerosene. The draught created when this was set alight and the flames shot up was such that the interior was like a roaring furnace. With the extinguisher applied to the foot of the shoot—the equivalent of the fireplace—the flames were subdued in about 15 seconds, this notwithstanding the fact that cracks in the pipe were responsible for the "chimney" catching fire both inside and out. The effectiveness of the extinguisher is the result of the action of the carbonic acid gas rushing up with the blast and blanketing the fire.

A Severe Test.

Even more severe was the third test. A tray of crude oil and petrol when set alight sent out a fierce heat which was responsible for a general "retreat" on the part of those standing anywhere near it. Here, one of the chief assets of the extinguisher came into play—the creation by it of a screen of carbonic acid gas which protects the operator from heat radiation and enables him to approach right up to the centre of the fire. This fire was blanketed out in 42 seconds.

These times, considering the intensity of the flames, seem almost incredible but they were checked by others on the ground and it is not exaggerating the phenomenal effects of the "Total" apparatus to state that it makes a revolutionary step forward in fire fighting methods. Its claim to be the only "Universal" fire extinguisher is justified in that it alone can be applied to any burning material with equally efficient results.

The basic principle of the extinguisher is the fact that the only way to deal effectively with a fire is to kill the flame and not concentrate on the burning materials alone. The action of the "Total" apparatus is to tackle the flames which are at once brought down to the burning material and are prevented from doing further damage.

Working Method.

The main object in efficient fire fighting is to reduce the combustible temperature to one in which burning is impossible and the only method of achieving this is to kill the oxygen in the air by diluting the air with carbonic acid gas. This principle has been accepted for many years but the "Total" apparatus is the first evolved which gives practical expression to it. It has many advantages in addition to its blanketing capacity. It is guaranteed not to deteriorate in any manner if left untouched for five years; to ascertain if its contents are unimpaired it is not necessary to use it but only to weigh it on a balance; it is fitted with a safety valve which ensures against any possible accidents; its construction is simple and foolproof; it is a "dry" extinguisher and its contents damage nothing; it is an absolute non-conductor of electricity; refilling is done at a very moderate price and it answers all the requirements of the Board of Fire Underwriters.

Mr. J. S. Smith, of China Buildings, is the "Total" Fire Extinguisher agent for the Colony. He gave a demonstration of the claims of which were so successfully demonstrated yesterday.

The Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association are giving a farewell dinner to Captain Sturges at the Cafe Parloren tomorrow evening. A presentation to the departing officer will also be made at the dinner.

WIRELESS ERA.

IMPORTANT IMPERIAL DEVELOPMENT.

COMMERCIAL STIMULUS.

Rugby, Oct. 20. An important development in Imperial wireless communication will come into effect next Monday when the first of a series of wireless stations erected on the Marconi short-wave beam principle for high speed service between Britain and the Dominions and India will begin operation. From that date transmitting and receiving stations at Bodmin and Bridgewater will be opened for communication with corresponding stations in Canada. Within the next few months stations communicating with South Africa, which are already almost finished, and with Australia and India will have been completed, and stations corresponding to them near Cape Town, Melbourne and Bombay are also in an advanced state of construction. This will complete the present Imperial scheme.

In addition, Marconi's are already engaged on considerable development of commercial telegraph services on the beam principle. The company holds a licence from the Post Office to conduct wireless telegraph services with certain continental countries and with all other foreign countries outside Europe. In addition to their existing stations they have a beam station nearly completed at Dorchester for communication with North and South America. A corresponding station is being erected at Rio de Janeiro.

Stations for communicating with Canada have just successfully passed a rigorous Post Office test extending over seven days. Speeds of 1,250 letters per minute in each direction equal to 2,500 letters per minute over the complete circuit have been worked for many hours continuously. The beam system employed works on short wave lengths of 100 metres or less, which experiments have proved efficient for communicating over great distances, reflectors being employed to concentrate into a narrow beam wireless energy at the transmitting station, and to reflect it upon the receiving aerial.—British Wireless Service.

Cheaper to Operate.

Rugby, later. The short wave beam wireless station designed for communication between Great Britain and the Dominions and India, the first of which (as already reported) opens on Monday for communication with Canada, will operate on a wave length of only 26 metres. The design enables energy to be concentrated so efficiently along the path of the beam that the transmitting stations require much less power than is customarily the case and are, consequently, much cheaper to operate. The rate of transmission has exceeded in tests over 20 letters a second, thus enabling an enormous volume of words to be sent in a few hours.

Transmission from the station will be operated direct from the General Post Office in London. At the moment that the operator there presses his key or feeds the signalling tape into the high speed telegraph instrument, the signals which he is sending, if intended for Canada, are being recorded in the telegraph office in Montreal, which is connected in a similar manner to the Canadian wireless receiving station. In the same way messages put on to the transmitter in the telegraph office in Montreal are instantly recorded at the General Post Office in London after having travelled across the Atlantic and passed through the beam receiving station at Bridgewater.

According to the design peculiar to this system each station has five lattice steel masts arranged in a straight line and aligned so that the great circle bearing on the distant receiving station is at right angles to the line of masts. The beam is thus projected accurately in the direction of the station with which communication is maintained.

Marconi's Views. Senator Marconi to-day expressed the view that with the beam atmospheric waves would cease to be a serious hindrance in working with Canada. Preliminary tests with Australia show that communication with that continent, in spite of the 11,000 miles distance, was even easier than with Canada. He anticipated that the increased facilities would stimulate commercial intercourse. Beam stations are also being erected in Canada for direct communication with Australia and corresponding beam stations are being built in Melbourne.—British Wireless Service.

South Africa in Scheme.

London, Oct. 20. A new era in wireless communication was foreshadowed by

COAL CRISIS.

A FRESH MOVE MAY BE IMMINENT.

KING SUMMONS MINISTER.

Rugby, Oct. 20. His Majesty the King to-day held a Privy Council at Sandringham and signed proclamations declaring a continuance of a state of emergency in view of the coal stoppage and summoning Parliament to meet next Monday to renew the Emergency Regulations.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, Home Secretary, who was expected to arrive at Sandringham this morning to attend the Privy Council, was suddenly summoned there yesterday afternoon and dined with His Majesty the King. He had accepted an engagement to dine with the Dominions Premiers in London yesterday evening and had to cancel this.

In political circles there is some speculation regarding the alteration of the Home Secretary's plans, and a rumour was current to-day that a new move in the coal dispute is imminent.

In any case it is anticipated that renewed efforts will be made when Parliament meets on Monday to find some means of bringing the coal stoppage to an end. The cold weather which has set in will undoubtedly add force to any such efforts.

On Friday the General Council of the Trades Union Congress assembled in London.

The members of the Miners' Executive have been touring the coal fields endeavouring with unimportant successes here and there to bring out the men who have returned to work. They will be back in London on Friday and will meet the General Council of the Trades Union Congress. They will present to the General Council their proposals for an embargo on foreign coal and for a levy on Trades Unions.

The reply of the General Council is a foregone conclusion. It will undoubtedly be in the negative in view of the statements recently made at the Labour Party Conference by Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., and Mr. Ben Tillett, leaders of the great Railwaymen's and Transport Workers' Unions. They declared that an embargo was impracticable and that their Unions, as well as other Unions, could not afford to levy in view of the unemployment and the depletion of funds from which they themselves were suffering.

Obviously the General Council of the Trades Union Congress will be concerned only to be ready to assist in any move for peace.—British Wireless Service.

First Fruits.

London, October 20. The first fruits of the establishment of the Miners' Council of War at Nottingham is the healing of the split which had arisen in the ranks of Nottingham miners. The whole Nottingham Council conferred, with the National Executive, after which Mr. Herbert Smith addressed an enthusiastic meeting of 2,000 miners and their wives at Mansfield.

The police at Nottingham have been replaced by special constables, apparently as a precautionary measure to release the regular police for emergency duty at the coalfields.—Reuter.

'QUAKE SHOCK.

EXPERIENCE IN JAPANESE TOWN.

Tokyo, October 20. An earthquake shock, which was also felt in Osaka, occurred at Nagoya shortly before noon, lasting several minutes, everybody running out of their houses. It is believed there is no damage.—Reuter.

[Nagoya is a town of about 200,000 inhabitants in Hondo Province, 170 miles from Tokyo.]

SARWAT PASHA.

LEAVES LONDON FOR CAIRO.

Rugby, Oct. 20. Sarwat Pasha, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, left London this morning on his return to Egypt. Mr. Walford Selby, C.V.O. Private Secretary, representing Sir Austen Chamberlain, was present at his departure from Victoria Station.—British Wireless Service.

Signor Marconi in an address in London describing the successful trials of the "beam" station, which works a low wave-length and directs signals in a straight line instead of broadcast. The Post Office is satisfied with the trials and the licensed stations at Bodmin and Bridgewater will be open for business with Canada on Monday.

Other stations are being completed to communicate with South Africa, India, Australia, and North and South America.—Reuter.

APPEAL FOR PEACE.

BY THIRTEEN MINISTERS ABROAD.

Peking, Oct. 8.

Headed by Mr. Wang Yung-pao, Minister to Tokyo, thirteen Chinese Ministers to foreign countries jointly circulated a telegram to the government and various provinces urging the immediate cessation of hostilities in the country and the calling of the People's Convention for the solution of all outstanding disputes. The following is a translation of the gist of it:

"Internal strife has been going on in China incessantly in recent years. The people have been murmuring and the world is mocking. China has almost ceased to be a nation now. In spite of this hostilities have recently broken out simultaneously in the North and South and there is not a single space where peace can be enjoyed. During the last two months conflicts with foreigners have repeatedly occurred along the Yangtze Valley. Should war and chaos be thus prolonged and incidents continue to take place, the danger therefrom is incalculable and indescribable beforehand.

"There is no country that is without political strife, and there are legal paths through which all political revolutions shall follow. There is no necessity to settle an issue by armed force and killing each other. Further since China is now a democratic Republic, all political issues can be freely discussed and settled by the majority. Despotism and dictatorship shall not therefore be applied thereto. It is said these military leaders of both the North and South are claiming and advocating a fundamental solution of the situation, but according to our opinion, judging from the general trend of events, no one side or party at present has the strength to suppress all its opponents and it only aggravates the confusion should any one attempt to rule and dictate to the others. Even if fortune may enable one party to win temporarily it will soon fall again. Such ups and downs will then continue alternately for ever. Although the disasters of international control may be avoided, the whole country will soon be bankrupt.

"All of you gentlemen possess better wisdom and bravery than others and are experienced in world affairs, and should therefore be quite aware that a Republic cannot be established by internecine wars and the country cannot be ruled by a single party. Unification by force of arms was only applicable in olden times when the country was subdivided into feudal states. It is impractical in the 20th century when wisdom of men is fully developed.

"After consulting with each other telegraphically we have come to the conclusion that the most applicable plan for the salvation of the country is the convening of the People's Convention for the solution of all outstanding disputes. We propose to request the military leaders of both sides to discard individual prejudices and to conclude an armistice at once; at the same time to invite the various provinces to appoint representatives for the drafting of the law governing the organisation of the People's Convention and the selection of its site for the election of the President. A united Government is to be simultaneously established by the leaders of the various parties, in accordance with the precedent adopted by the Poincaré Ministry in France, so that the Constitution may be definitely drawn up for the guidance of the country. Those who wish to enter the political field in future are only allowed to form political parties and contests in the open field, and military support shall henceforth be absolutely prohibited. Military officials whose duties are to train troops and protect the people shall not be permitted to meddle with politics unless they first give up their military authority, as General Tanaka of Japan has just done, so that a clear line of division between militarists and politicians may be established. Should this be done, a new life will be installed into the nation, and respect of the foreign Powers restored. All unequal Treaties will then be abolished naturally, otherwise the fate of the country is doomed if hostilities continue without cessation. If a country has no Government there will be no diplomacy; it would be better to withdraw Chinese Ministers than to allow them to do nothing and invite humiliation abroad. On account of the imminent danger now threatening we have no time to write properly, but we trust that you would give our appeal your consideration and advice.—Signed Wang Yung-pao, Wang Kuang-chi, Chen Lu, Hsia Ping, Wei Tsen-chu, Liu Chung-chieh, Lu Cheng-hsiang (on leave), Huang Yung-hsiang, Chu Chao-hsiu, Wang Ching-chi, Li Chung-yi, Tseng Chung-chien, and Chen Wei-cheng.—Kuo Wen.

CHINESE MINISTERS.

IMPOSSIBLE TO REPRESENT CHINA DIPLOMATICALLY.

IF WAR NOT STOPPED.

Some days ago, the Chinese Ministers and Envoys accredited to 13 of the leading Powers telegraphed to the Peking Government to the various Chambers of Commerce, China and to the different military leaders, appealing for a general armistice with a view to peace all round in China, so that they may perform their duties in a more efficient manner in the countries where they are stationed. They complain that, while they have done their best to further China's interests abroad, there has been constant internecine warfare and unending troubles at home which has placed them at a great disadvantage. Unless hostilities cease immediately, they say, it would be far preferable for China to close her Legations and Consulates in other countries and for them to come home.

Shanghai Chamber's Response. On receipt of this telegram, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai at once telegraphed to the Doyen of the Chinese Diplomatic Service abroad, Mr. Wang Yung-pao (Minister to Japan), asking him to transmit the following views of the Chamber to his colleagues:—

"At these troublesome times when the rights and means of living of the people are further subjugated and aggravated by civil wars of increasing magnitude, we are in mute dismay for want of proper expression. Your joint telegram of October 2 to the various military leaders pointing out the tottering state of our country and urging an immediate armistice, and then a party to lay the foundation of a stable government, well bespoke our peace-loving sentiments. We accept your valued opinion with appreciation and gratitude. From your pathetic appeal to abrogate all Chinese embassies abroad as an alternative for the immediate cessation of warfare we note with sympathy your painful concern over the discouraging state of affairs at home. We are wholeheartedly with you and hope to be able to help to further your aims.

"We feel that the time is ripe for a concerted movement towards a means to relieve the sufferings of the people, and so we have telegraphed your views to all public bodies throughout the country. The war-stricken millions may be soothed if our joint efforts for peace should meet with success. The Chamber also sent out its second appeal to the military leaders throughout the country praying them to arrange an armistice and to arrive at an early but peaceful solution of China's troubles without resorting to further warfare. The Chamber asks the various public organisations and legal bodies to support it in making its voice heard so that peace may reign again in China. The message says:—

Have and the Dogs of War. We presume that our telegram of September 20, last, advocating a general armistice, has received your careful perusal. In the meantime the dogs of war are still at large causing havoc. The joint telegram from the Chinese Envoys accredited in 13 foreign countries well bespeaks our concurrent opinion. The graphic exposition of their embarrassment in foreign lands and the pathetic appeal to the military leaders to close all Legations abroad as an alternative for the cessation of civil struggles cannot but further strengthen our desire for peace and unity.

"Further, these long years of internal military disturbance have already caused our economic structure to crumble and aggravated our very means of livelihood. Now, the continued chaos is consuming the last goose that lays the golden eggs! A while ago, we still had our homes resting inside of bare walls. But, now, even our empty homes have given way to long stretches of no-man's land where even poppies hesitate to grow. "Here is a city under siege—starvation is converting civilised citizens into cannibals. There is an army counter-attacked and the number of lives lost is leaving thousands of homes in grievous bereavement.

Commerce Paralyzed. "Open hostilities have paralysed our commerce and industry; conscription has taken away our best and ablest helpers; and contributions to the war-chest have exhausted our meagre treasury. Deprivation of our means of living is worse than death itself while the devastation of our homes hastens our journey to the grave. On the debris of our crumbled trade, foreign imports are sowing their seeds of greater economic invasion. The influx of millions of dollars to foreign countries to cover our unbalanced international trade is draining our means of subsistence. Thus, we are drifting closer and closer towards the state of self-extinction. "On opening the chapter of China's intercourse with foreign

Powers it is pathetic to see our diplomatic intelligence being 'prejudiced by unending internal disorder. The Central Government at Peking cannot command confidence outside its city walls while our envoys abroad are hopeless in their diplomatic duties for want of proper backing. "The Tariff and Extraterritoriality Conferences at Peking have been postponed indefinitely.

"Elsewhere at home our war-lords are fiercely fighting for their selfish ends and we wonder when the wheel of selfish chance will come to an end.

"This Chamber, being for the people and by the people, cannot but voice the peace-loving sentiments of the people.

"Rein in Your War Horses. "We appeal to you once more to restrain your war chargers, sheathe your swords and let our national destiny be determined by your representatives at a citizens' conference which may be held at any desirable city. Unifying China by force has been a failure. It is now time that public opinion should be consulted. Are you not prepared to play the rôle of national heroes and barter your swords for the pipe of peace. Do you not want to transform the hissing public discontent into one harmonious note of happy jubilee? Will you help or would you choose to remain local autocrats, tramping down your own benefactors, the 400,000,000 people of China, whom you are duty-bound to protect? The people are being driven like beasts at bay. More ill-treatment and they will show their teeth against their oppressors. We request you therefore to heed the voice of the people and give them what they have long desired.

"To public organisations and legal fraternities who share similar fate with us as fellow passengers on a sinking ship of state, we appeal for their moral support in championing the cause of peace."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

October 21—Queen's Theatre; Douglas MacLean in "7 Keys to Baldpate."

October 21—World Theatre; "Flowing Gold."

October 21—Star Theatre; Rudolph Valentino in "Cobra."

October 21—Grand Concert under the auspices of the Navy League, Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

October 22—Dance by the ships company of H.M.S. "Vindictive" at Seaman's Institute, 8.30 to 11.30 p.m. and H.M.S. "Hermes" at R. E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

October 22—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

October 23—First Dance of the season at the Craigengower Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.

October 30—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

Sports.

October 30—Fanning Hunt Races, Kwanti Race Course, Fanning.

October 30—Annual sport of the Scottish Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, on Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

November 8—Sixth bi-annual race for "Trevesa Trophy" from Channal Rocks, 4 p.m.

November 6—Fifth Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

November 6—First boxing tournament of the season under H.K. Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal.

Auctions.

October 22—At Messrs. Lammert Bros. Sales Room, Duddell Street, postage stamps (used and unused) 5.15 p.m.

October 22—Miscellaneous goods at Messrs. Lammert Bros. Sales Room, Duddell Street, 11 a.m.

Meetings.

October 22—Twenty-second annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, at the Club House, North Point, 5.45 p.m.

October 23—Extraordinary meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., at No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, 2 p.m.

November 2—Hong Kong & Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd. hold 5th annual meeting at 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

November 6—Third annual meeting of the H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., at Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

November 6—Twenty-third annual meeting of shareholders of the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road, noon.

Miscellaneous.

October 21—Inspection of Mounted Infantry Co. of H.K. Volunteer Defence Corps by H.E. the G.O.C. at the Stables, Causeway Bay, 5.30 p.m.

October 22—Royal Marines Old Comrades' Assn. give farewell dinner to Capt. Sturges at Cats Parlour.



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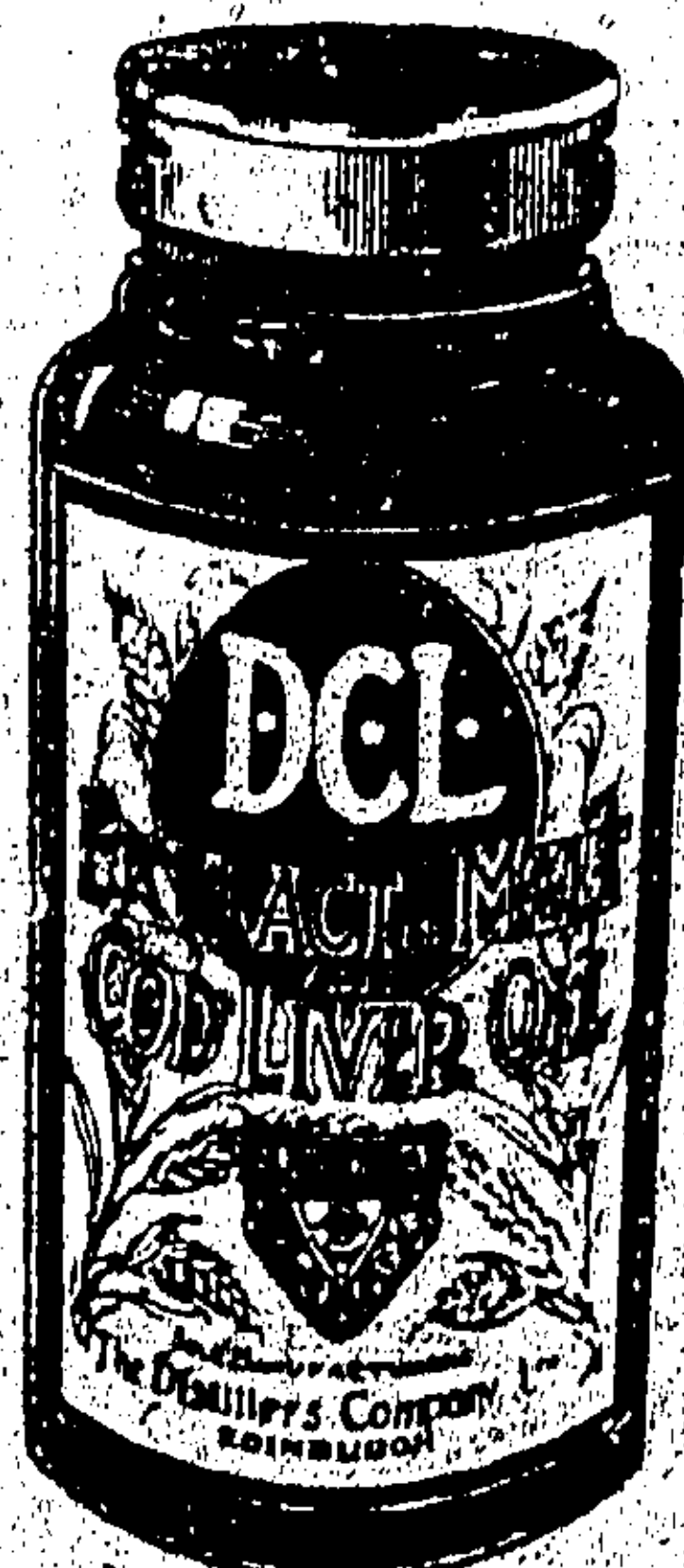
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Members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club are reminded of the 22nd annual meeting in the Club house (North Point) at 5.45 p.m. to-morrow.

Will members of the Helena May Institute please note that the Musical which was cancelled, will be given as previously arranged on Thursday, October 28th at 5 p.m. Tickets, including tea, 50c. each, must be booked at the Secretary's office before noon on the 27th inst. —Adv.

Paris, Oct. 9.—The Minister of War is preparing a bill to be presented to Parliament which will cut to one year the period of military service for the young men of the nation. This follows the recent measure which permits men of military age residing in overseas colonies to do their training at camps in the colonies.

New Haven, Conn., October 11.—A dirigible capable of maintaining a regular schedule between San Francisco and Hawaii is the objective plan of the Navy Department, Secretary Wilbur said today. "I do not say it will be put into regular service, but it will be so equipped that we can establish a regular scheduled route any time," said Secretary Wilbur.

Rome, Oct. 6.—Mr. Sacha Guitry states with regard to his revue performed in Paris that his offensive allusions to Italy, if heard by those present, must have been added without authority by the actors. Mr. Sacha Guitry adds an expression of friendship and sympathy towards Italy. After such declarations the incident may be considered as closed.

With the re-appearance of H.M.S. "Hermes" there will be a revival of the popular dances which were a feature of the Colony's social life last winter. The first of these is to take place to-morrow at the R. M. Theatre, Wellington Barracks. Dancing will be from 8.30 to 1 a.m., admission being \$1 and ladies by courtesy.

The Deutsch-Asiatische Bank, which is now striving to recover the right to take charge of China's Customs revenue and Salt Gabelle funds which have hitherto been kept by the Russo-Asiatic Bank, approached the Chinese Government concerning the matter. The proposal of the German bank, however, was rejected at the meeting of the Cabinet on October 7.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 5.54 p.m.

A case of diphtheria was notified on Wednesday, the patient being an American from the district of Aberdeen.

The Colony had a clean bill of health for the 24 hours ended Tuesday, no notifiable diseases having occurred during the period.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held at the Helena May Institute next Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.

A rugby match will be played this afternoon at King's Park, Kowloon, when a team from H.M.S. "Hermes" oppose the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club.

Mrs. A. O. Brawn will present the prizes to the winners at 4.15 p.m. at the tenth annual athletic sports of the Yaumati School which take place to-day on the school ground at King's Park, Kowloon. The sports begin at 11.30 a.m.

In order to stop what was stated to be an epidemic of wood thefts from Government plantations, the Forestry Department pressed for an exemplary sentence on three Chinese who were charged before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with damaging trees. Defendants were fined \$25 each.

Garden Road will only be open to up-going motor traffic as from 7 a.m. to-morrow until the work of laying a new water main is completed. An official announcement appears in this issue to the effect that other sources will be open meanwhile, viz., Ice House Street (both ways) and the military road east of Murray Barracks (down traffic, lorries barred).

Tokyo, October 5.—As regards the proposed augmenting of the North China Troops by three companies, amounting to an actual reinforcement, unlike on the Manchuria-Chosen borders and in South Manchuria, the Finance Ministry people appear reluctant to concur with the proposition. On the other hand, the War Authorities are determined to get their point carried so as to obviate the future necessity to despatch troops to Tientsin in time of need.

Tokyo, October 12.—It is understood that the Japanese Cabinet in council has decided to create an independent department to deal with colonial affairs.

The Spanish Dictator-General, Primo de Rivera, has declared a state of siege for Madrid and Barcelona as he expects the outbreak of a new revolt following the recent signs of opposition to his regime even among the military. A despatch received from the Spanish border. On account of the censorship it has not yet been possible to get a confirmation of this report directly from Madrid.

Peking, October 12.—A new amusement tax of ten per cent. came into force yesterday. The tax is levied on all expenditure at hotels and restaurants as well as at theatres and picture houses. This imposition following the recent 20 per cent. tax on all wines, spirits, cigarettes and tobacco is falling heavily on the Peking populace, which is already suffering as a result of the civil war in the neighbourhood.

Shanghai, October 12.—190 day shift female workers, employed in the Spinning Room of No. 2 Hong Pong Cotton Mill, at No. 1 Wharf Road, struck work at 12 noon yesterday as a mark of sympathy with one of their members against whom disciplinary action was being taken for neglect of work. They are still out, 90 out of 100 night shift workers joined the strike at 6 p.m. yesterday, making a total of 288 female workers on strike. Should the strike continue, the management will be obliged to suspend work in other parts of the mill, where 310 male and 210 female workers are employed.

From France comes news of a wonderful feat of surgery. A young woman about to give birth to a child was admitted to Amiens Hospital, but died a few minutes after her arrival. The surgeon, nevertheless, decided to attempt a Caesarian operation, and half an hour after the mother's death the baby was brought into the world apparently suffocated. Artificial respiration was applied, the child revived, and is now progressing normally. A curious legal problem has now been raised, however, concerning this birth. As the child's mother died before his birth, he cannot, in the present state of the law, have any legal identity or inherit his mother's property.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Omohundro were in Shanghai recently on their way to Hangchow, to which place Mr. Omohundro, who is with the Tobacco Products Corporation, has been recently transferred from Tsinan.

One of the largest attendances of the autumn season was seen at the weekly tiffin of the Royal Air Force Association at headquarters, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, on October 8. These tiffins are proving to be very popular among members.

It is learned that General Hsin Hung-hsun, Commander of the 4th Division, who was wounded in one leg, arrived at Shanghai for the purpose of medical treatment. It has been found that the wounded leg must be amputated owing to a hidden bullet, according to a local surgeon.

Mr. Joseph E. Jacobs, who was formerly Senior American Mixed Court Assessor at Shanghai and who has been with the Extraterritoriality Commission in Peking during the past year, has arrived in Shanghai on his way to Yunnanfu, to which city Mr. Jacobs has been assigned as American Consul.

The marriage took place at St. Andrew's Church, Penang, on the 7th inst., of James Macintosh McBurnie, assistant, Gula-Kalumpung Rubber Estates, Gula, Perak, only son of Mr. Robert McBurnie, Dumfries, Scotland, to Mary Lockie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lockie, Dumfries, Scotland, who arrived by the P. and O. "Mantua". The bride was given away by the Hon. Mr. J. W. Kennedy.

Between two and three hundred N.C.O.'s and men, some of whom were accompanied by their wives, were entertained at Government House yesterday by H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi. This was in connection with the approaching departure of the East Surrey Regiment. A play was given in the grounds by local ladies' amateurs, musical items were also given and the guests were afterwards entertained to tea and dancing in the ballroom. The services of a number of local ladies having been secured.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Goldman and family returned to Shanghai from the United States on October 9.

The death has occurred of Mr. W. S. Dunn, retired Municipal Engineer, from heart failure, at Home. He left Penang exactly a year ago.

Mr. P. R. Walsam, formerly Customs Commissioner at Foochow, is in Hong Kong with his family on his way to take up the Commission at Mengtze, Yunnan.

A marriage will shortly take place between John Barr-Sim, Jerantut estate, F.M.S., and Charlotte Winifred, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair, 16, Englington-crescent, Edinburgh.

Passengers departing for Manila, by s.s. "Empress of Canada" yesterday included Mr. H. P. L. Jolly, Captain L. P. Kent, Mrs. D. and Miss A. Tolan, and members of the Italian Opera Company.

At St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, on the 8th inst., J. D. Moss, youngest son of Mr. J. C. Moss, Southend-on-Sea, was married to Violet Alice Rules of Hockley, Essex, the Rev. B. C. Roberts officiating. Mrs. B. C. Roberts was matron of honour, while Mr. A. P. Cranna gave away the bride.

Harbin has been honoured with a visit from the late Premier of Japan, Viscount Kikori. At a banquet which was given in his honour by the Japanese Consul-General, speeches were made in which the Japanese said that their interests in Manchuria were so great that they were almost equal to the Chinese, and that therefore the Japanese Government took the greatest interest in the country. In the replies made by the Chinese administrators, they stated that though "China" was pleased to welcome foreign capital in the development of the country, for signers in all cases the Japanese with the sovereignty of China, and all administrative organs must be Chinese.

General Dung Sz-tso, former Tupan of Kiangsi, whose defeat at the hands of the Cantonese resulted in his resignation, is reported to have arrived in Shanghai from Kluang on October 8 on board a Japanese steamer.

Bishop Cassi, Apostolic delegate at Loretto, whose Holy Madonna, Patroness of Aviators, was threatened with fire a few weeks ago, on October 7 transmitted the Apostolic Benediction of the Pope to the 10th Legion of the Fascist militia. This legion played a large part in saving the Madonna.

It has been decided to send four representatives of the C.E.R. to attend the railway conference in Berlin on October 28. One of these will be Mr. Drury, a gentleman who is well known to many in Southern towns and who speaks English and German perfectly. These representatives left Harbin on October 6.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Bloem have arrived in Peking and are staying in the Hotel du Nord. Dr. Bloem is a well-known German novelist, and is making a world tour to enrich his experience. Dr. Bloem's visit to Peking is to study Chinese Society, life on which he hopes some day he will write. During the Great War Dr. Bloem was wounded four times, and showed remarkable bravery.

Two very popular members of the Shanghai community, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson, sailed for Home on October 9 on board the s.s. "Taiko Maru" via the U.S.A. for a holiday in the Homeland, and the best of wishes go with them for a pleasant journey. Mr. Wilson has long been associated with the Shanghai Recreation Club, and his genial company will be much missed during the approaching football season. His club mates were loath to say good-bye, but at the same time do not grudge the Wilsons their well earned holiday. A very hearty welcome awaits Walter when he returns in April next. Mrs. Wilson's plans are at present uncertain, as it is her intention to remain longer in the Homeland, but the "Shanghai Times" has heard that the call of the East will bring her back to her many friends later.

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OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

HONG KONG'S BOYCOTT BUDGET.

This week's issue of the "Overland China Mail" contains the full reports of the Budget proceedings in the Legislative Council.

Relatives and friends of business connections abroad, who may have wondered as to the effect of the Boycott—with regard to the fables about Hong Kong having become bankrupt—will be agreeably surprised when they read that the Colony's finances are still sound.

The 1927 Supply Bill speech of the Colonial Secretary is an excellent review; while the appeal of Sir Cecil Clementi for closer relationship with the Chinese merits the highest praise.

OUR TRADE IMPROVES.

That fund of information provided weekly is enhanced in value by the inclusion of the many reports about trade resumption following the cessation of the blockade. Stage by stage, the daily reports—all reproduced in the "Overland"—tell how conditions are returning to normal.

NEW ANTI-BRITISH AGITATION.

Then there are also the many despatches concerning anti-British agitation in ports along the Yangtze and in other parts of North China. Footnotes are appended to cables, so that non-Chinese can understand. Also the list of British homes looted in Chungking tells a vivid story.

LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK.

As is the case every week, all the local and Chinese news is included, making a detailed record which conveys more than a series of personal letters. The current issue has:—"Trooping the Colour" articles; China War intelligence; cartoons; "short sleeve" controversy; local and social notes; &c. &c. A copy is particularly welcome to folks at Home who are thirsting for information about China and Hong Kong.

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The ideals of Communism do not appear yet to have eradicated some of the more familiar and widespread weaknesses of our common humanity when called upon for steady application at an uninviting task. Mr. Rykov, president of the Union Council of People's Commissars, has been complaining bitterly of the prevalence in some Russian factories of the industrial vice commonly known as malingering. On the day that follows a holiday as many as 20 or 30 per cent. of the workmen were, he said, absent. Elsewhere, he added, malingering was systematic, and had a sensible effect in keeping down the productivity of labour and in keeping up the price of manufactured goods which it was to everybody's interest to reduce. Workmen did not seem to realise that the factories

A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a boxer in a boxing ring. The boxer is shirtless, wearing boxing gloves and trunks, and is captured in a dynamic pose, possibly celebrating or in the middle of a fight. The image is framed by the ropes of the ring.

were their own. This only thing that is surprising in this is that Mr. Rykov seemed to be surprised. A workman in Russia works for wages as in any other country. Nationalisation has not turned him into a sleeping partner. Even if he gets less from insurance when supposed to be ill than he earns when he is working, he is quite likely to think that an extra day of leisure is cheaply paid for, and most unlikely to consider it from any other point of view. Mr. Rykov seemed to think that the percentage of malingerers was higher in Russia than elsewhere. If that is so, it is most natural. Russian factories have passed through a period of great political excitement during which continual meetings, encouraged by the same men who are now preaching economy, meant wholesale stoppage of work. They have passed through a period of civil war when absenteeism from work for the purpose of fighting was a virtue. They have passed through a period of famine during which only absenteeism (in order, somehow or other to get food) kept the workmen alive. They have passed through a period during which there was a general migration of workmen from the cold and starving towns to the country, where at least was food and fuel. For by far the greater number of Russian workmen the tradition of steady work, never very strong has been utterly destroyed.

The occasion of Mr. Rykov's speech was one of the regular "conferences on production" which are held in the different factories. Its object was to stimulate the understanding by staff and workmen of the need for that "regime of economy" which is now being urged by the Communist party and has been made the subject of an official manifesto. He therefore dealt in blacks and whites, and was principally engaged in rubbing in the blacks, so that his speech has been described as pessimistic. It was hardly that, since it claimed that Russian industry, which only began its convalescence in 1921, had already regained its pre-war level. It did, however, point out that further development at the same rate was not to be expected. The rapid growth of the last two years had been made possible by bringing into use all the confiscated factories and plant. Further development would mean the building of new factories and the acquisition of new machinery. To do that they needed capital and so abolition of all unnecessary expenditure. Unless they were able to supply the country with the things it needed at reasonable prices the workmen of the towns could not hope to retain the support of the peasants, which was their only chance.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 21, 1926. 10:30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Shareholders' Association.	Estates Brokers (Share & Bond) Society.
T.T. on London	179½	179½	179½
T.T. on Shanghai	79½	79½	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1165½ 1165½ 85	1180 b	1190 b
do. London.	£123 n (sa)		£119½ n
Chartered Bank	£21	£21 b.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	29½ a.	£30½ n.	—
do. C.	£13½	£13½ n.	—
P. & O. Bank	60½ b	£10 n	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	82 s	75 s
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	62½ b	620 n	\$62½ n
China Underwriters	145 7 b	140 b	140 b
North China Insurance	T145 n	140 n	—
Union Insurance	295½ b 295½ 6	293½ sa	296 b
Yankee Insurance	165 Mex 1½ sa	40 n	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	610 b	610 b	610 n
Shipping.			
Douglass	30 b	30 b.	30 b
Hongkong Steamboats.	29 b	29 b.	29 b
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	2 b	2½ n.	2 n
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	30 b	30 n.	30 n
do. (Def.)	42 b.	40 n.	40 s.
Shell Transports	90½ n.	90½ b.	90½ n.
Star Ferries	67½ n	67 s	67 s
Water-boats	15 b	15 n	15 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	24 b	24½ b.	24½ b
Malabon Sugars	36 n	35 n	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1½ n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	40½ n	42½ b.	47½ n.
Langkats (Combined)	\$28 b	27 n.	28 b.
do. (Single)	13 b.	14½ b.	—
Shanghai Exploration	T480 b	5 b.	—
Shanghai Loan	T8 b	8 b.	—
Raubas	4½ n	4½ b.	5 n.
Tromch Mines	80½ b	80½ b.	—
Ural Caspians	8½ n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	125½ sa	126½ n	125 s
H.K. & W. Docks	59 n	58 b.	60 n
Hongkows.	T177½ b	—	177 b.
New Engineerings	T6½ b	6½ b.	6½ b.
Shanghai Docks	T123½ b	123 n	123 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	1080 sa	1060 b.	10½ b
Hongkong Lands	65 n	64 b 65 sa	64 b
Hongkong Realty	7½ n	6½ s	6 b.
H.K. Territorial	4 s	4 s.	4 n
Humphreys Estates	16½ s	16 s.	16 n
Prince's Building	80 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1½ n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
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Oriental Cottons	3½ b	315 b.	3¼ b
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T55 b	54 b.	54 b.
do. (new)	T28 b.	28 b.	28 b.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5 b	5 s.	7 n.
Cements (comb.)	13 b 13½ s	14 n.	13½ s
do. (old)	12 n.	12 s.	11½ s
do. (new)	2 b	2½ b	2½ b
China Buses	10½ n.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	21½ n.	21 s	21 n
do. (old)	14½ b	14 n	15 n
do. (new)	11½ b	11 n	12 b
China Prov.	610 n	534 s	53½ b 560 sa
Dairy Farms	10 sa	19½ n	19½ s.
Der A. Wing	6 s	7 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	12½ n	12½ b	12½ b
H.K. Constructions	14 n	3 s	3 s
Hongkong Electrics	66 s.	65 b 66 s	66 s.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26 s.	—	30 n.
do. (old)	10 s.	10 s	10 n.
do. (new)	5 s.	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	25 s & sa	24½ s 2440 sa	24½ s
Lane, Crawfords	8 n.	7 n	7½ b
Macao Electric	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19½ n	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9 n	—
Peak Trams (old)	15½ n.	16 s	17 n
do. (new)	700 n.	8 n	7½ s
Sinceres	11 n	9 b 9½ s	9 s
Singapore Trams	15½ n	16½ s	15½ n
Taxis	2 s	1½ s	2 n
United Asbestos	—	600 n	—
do. (Founders)	—	18 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n.	14½ b.	14½ b
Watsons	14½ n.	5 b	5 n
Wm. Powells	6½ n	4½ n	4½ s
H.K. Telephones	435 b	—	—

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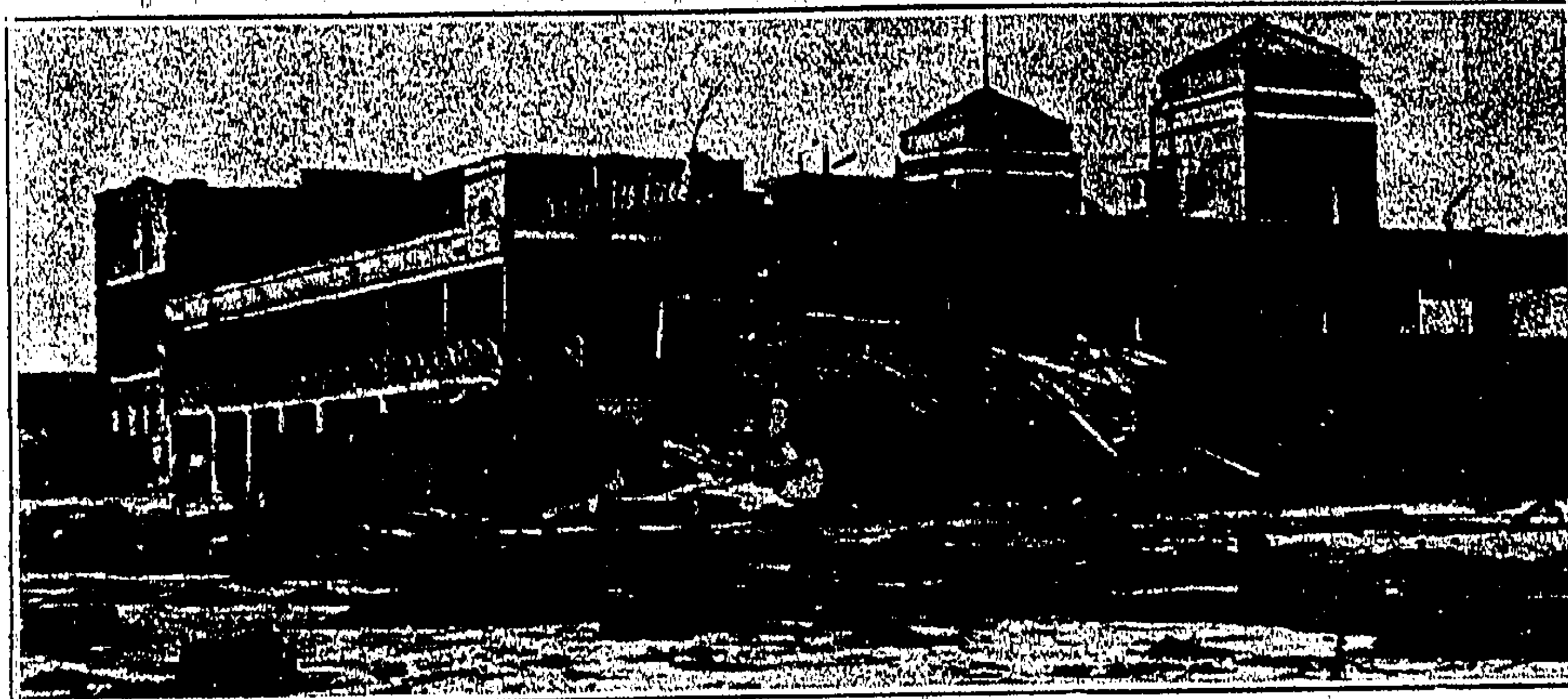
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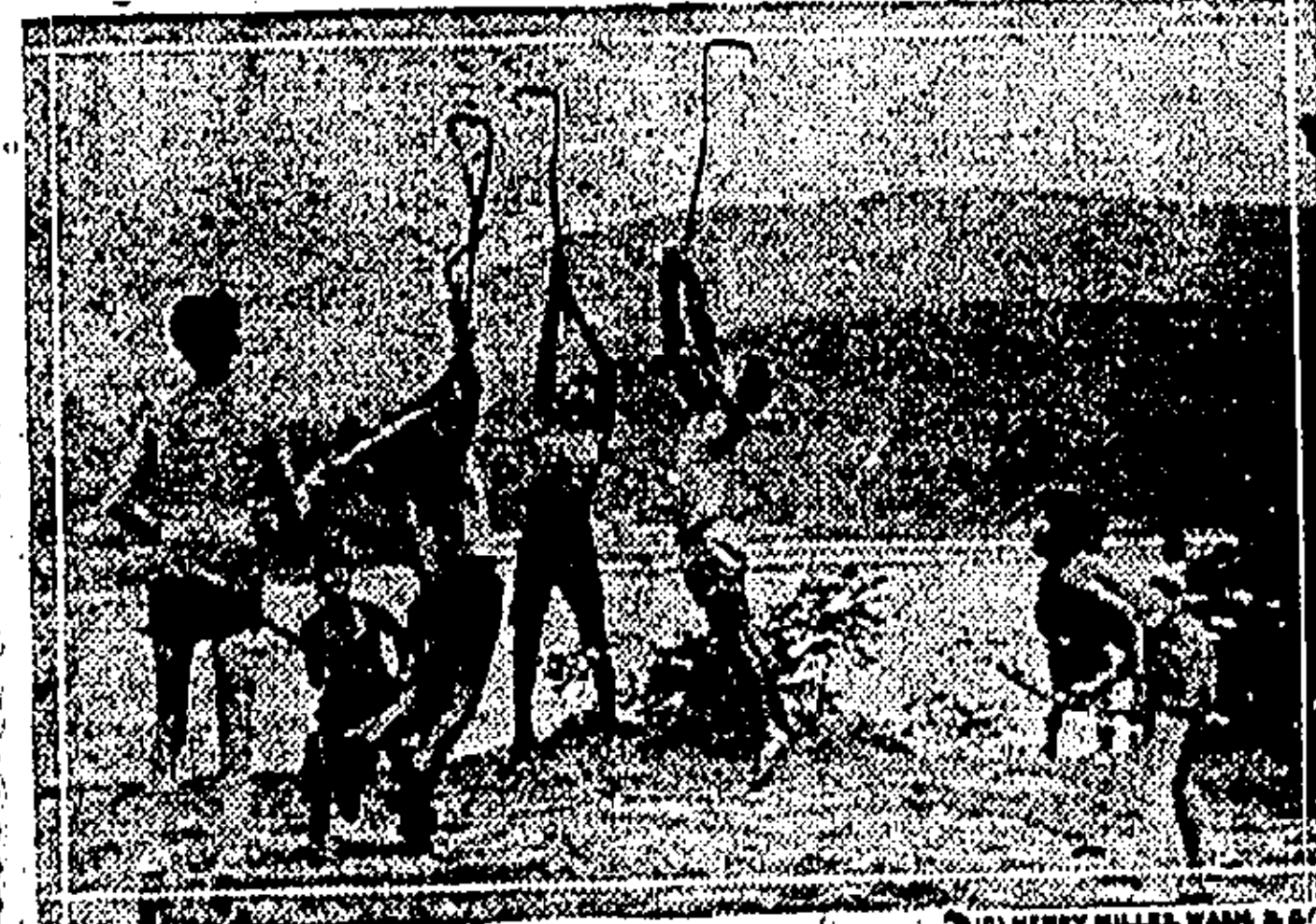
People and Events in the News of the World

This first and exclusive picture from the hurricane-torn area in Florida shows the wreckage of Hardy's Casino at Miami Beach, Fla.
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A gorgeous pageant, depicting the early history of California, was one of the striking features of the celebration. Photograph shows William Gibbs McAdoo on horseback acknowledging the plaudits of the crowd as he appeared in the parade.



Jack Dempsey, who unsuccessfully defended his title on September 23.



Remarkable action picture during a game of Lacrosse between two teams of Boy Scouts.



Lillian Cannon was lauded for her swim in the English Channel. She failed to reach the English shore from France.



Here is a new photographic study of Henry de la B. Carpenter, one of the three accused of the Hall-Mills murder in New Jersey.



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From	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.	From
Shanghai	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.	Ranchow
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.	Pres. Jefferson
Manila	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.	Pres. Lincoln
Japan	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24.	Hama Maru
EUROPE via Negapatam (letters & papers London)	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24.	Kutsang
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.	Korea Maru
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.	Pres. Monroe
Manila	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.	Empress of Canada
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For	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.	For
Sandakan	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.	Times
Amoy	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.	4 p.m.
Kongmoon	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.	5 p.m.
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.	
Straits, Mauritius and Durban	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.	Yuenan
Shanghai	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.	10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.	1.30 p.m.
Kongmoon, Kamohuk & Kankong	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.	5 p.m.
Shanghai	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.	Hama Maru
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Kongmoon	MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.	5 p.m.
Manila	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.	Tea
Amoy	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.	9 a.m.
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EMPIRE UNITY.

CORDIAL TONE AT IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rugby, October 20.

Speeches made by over-seas delegates in reply to the address of welcome delivered by the British Prime Minister at yesterday's opening session of the Imperial Conference all showed a strong desire to achieve maximum results in the short time available.

Mr. Mackenzie King, Canada, after referring to the clearing of the international horizon since the 1922 Conference remarked that the Empire contribution to World Peace was considerable. Through the Commonwealth of British Nations one fourth of the world's peoples were linked in friendship and in peace. Because that great experiment was without precedent or parallel it was inevitable that sometimes they found difficulty in making foreign countries understand their position or in wholly understanding it themselves. But in the next few weeks they might be able to explore methods for a clearer understanding of their political relationship including the problem of foreign policy in its several aspects and methods.

Mr. Stanley Bruce, Australia, said that they would have to look at questions that faced them under three heads—the relations of different parts of the Empire one to another, the question of common defence of the Empire and the question of inter-empire trade and economic development in the future. Their one desire was mutually to advance the interest of the Empire as a whole.

Mr. J. G. Coates, New Zealand, after emphasising the importance of frequent meetings of the Conference, voiced the desire of his country to share the burden which imperial responsibilities and her scrupulous observance of the nicest points of honour and obligation cast on the Mother Country, and thus to repay now some of the benefits which New Zealand had received from Britain.

General Hertzog, South Africa, in his speech raised the question of Dominion status. He assured the Conference of the hearty support and co-operation of South Africa irrespective of parties and races so long as it was and showed the character of a commonwealth of free and independent nations, each free and striving to attain what was best for itself in such manner and spirit as would conduce as far as possible to the well-being of all. In his view the principle that should guide the Conference could be summed up in a sentence. "In principle, unrestrained freedom of action to each individual member of the Commonwealth; in practice, consultation with a view to co-operative action wherever possible." South Africa did not possess as she should implicit faith in her fall and free nationhood which should become internationally recognised.

Mr. W. S. Monroe, Newfoundland, said his Dominion was entirely satisfied with the existing conditions, and Mr. W. T. Cosgrave, Irish Free State, welcomed the Conference as an opportunity for representatives of Governments with so much in common to meet and take steps advantageous to their future co-operation in the interests of peace and progress.

The Maharajah of Burdwar said India's real ambition was to develop her own growth and thus be ready to take as soon as possible her share in the common responsibility that must fall to her as partner in the Empire.—British Wireless Service.

FOREIGN POLICY.

Frank Statement to Overseas Premiers.

London, Oct. 20.

The Imperial Conference resumed secretly to discuss foreign affairs. Nothing of Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech will be published.

It is pointed out in well-informed quarters to-day that it would be useless to bring the Premiers from the end of the earth and not tell them frankly everything affecting the relations of the Empire to foreign Powers. Therefore, the Conference itself decided that the speech must be kept secret.

It is known that Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech will be extremely lengthy, ranging the whole field of foreign affairs and dealing particularly with the Locarno Treaty. As regards the latter his words will be in the nature of a defence as some of the Dominion delegates have strong views against the policy embodied in the Treaties. The speech will probably occupy the most of to-day's sitting. Later there will be a discussion on the making of Treaties by the Imperial Government and the Dominions' attitude thereto.—Reuter.

REPLY FROM THE KING

Greatness of British Commonwealth.

Rugby, Oct. 20.

The second meeting of the Imperial Conference was held at No. 10, Downing Street to-day. Mr. S. Baldwin presided. He read a reply received from His Majesty the King thanking the Conference for the message of greeting which it sent yesterday. His Majesty added:—

"I shall follow with interest and sympathy your discussions of those important questions which will come before you and the settlement of which I trust will promote the unity and greatness of the Commonwealth of British Nations."

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, then made a statement on the general situation regarding foreign affairs. He had not concluded it when the Conference rose at one o'clock.

When the Conference resumed its meeting in the afternoon Sir Austen Chamberlain completed his statement.

Lord Lloyd, High Commissioner for Egypt, who attended at the request of the Conference, then gave further information regarding the situation in Egypt.—British Wireless Service.

TREATY EXPIRES.

CHINA'S TRADE WITH JAPAN.

Peking, October 20.

It is reliably learned that the Chinese Government to-day will address to the Japanese Government a Note asking for a revision on a basis of equality and reciprocity of the Japanese Treaty of Commerce and Navigation (1896), which expires to-day.

Tokyo's Foreign Office spokesman, discussing the expiry of the Treaty, stated that his Government is prepared to agree to any reasonable revisions which China requests.—Reuter.

STORM WARNING.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA AGAIN THREATENED.

PRISONERS ON PAROLE.

Washington, October 20.

Following the warning of an approaching hurricane over Southern Florida the Chief of Police of Miami has ordered all to be on Police duty as an emergency precaution.

Meanwhile the prisoners in the jails who are heads of families have been released to enable them to protect their homes if the hurricane strikes the district, the released men giving their parole to return to jail after the danger has passed.—Reuter's American Service.

Havana Struck.

New York, October 21.

Havana was struck by a hurricane with a wind velocity of 125 miles an hour.

The streets in the business section are blocked with wreckage, including telegraph and flag poles. One of the new steel apartment houses, also trees in the beautiful General Park, were blown over.

Virtually all the small vessels and launches in the harbour are wrecked. Three small schooners, the Cuban training ship, "Partia," and the small naval vessel have sunk. Norwegian steamer, was blown from her moorings to the other side of the harbour and thence back.

It is believed that the crops in the provinces of Havana, Matanzas, and Pina Del Rio are seriously damaged.

The damage in Havana was minimised owing to the warning of the approach of the hurricane published in the Press, so, decks were cleared for action and the population was well under cover.

The hurricane headed north-east from Havana for South Florida, where it is expected to-night.—Reuter's American Service.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

Appearing for the prosecution in a case in which a foki in the employment of Kwan King, of 5, Chin Loon Lane, was charged on remand at the Central Magistracy this morning with embezzlement, Mr. A. el Arculi informed the Magistrate that he had a further charge against the defendant of embezzlement of \$30 on January 15, 1925.

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